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## Older & Bolder

A New Project  
Called 70 Up  
Reframes Society's  
View of Older  
Women

Elinor Coleman  
Guggenheimer '33

All in the Family: International Adoption  
Faculty Arrivals: Meet the New Professors  
Doctor, Lawyer, Rabbi?: Choosing a Less Traveled Path

# *Bear Barnard in Mind*

*T*hroughout their long and happy marriage of 53 years, Bill and Genie Bolger shared many things, including, he notes, an appreciation for her school. “Genie always loved New York City and Barnard. She was a believer in an all-women’s college ... and she felt she gained much from being in classes with remarkable instructors like Professor Julius Held.



*Eugenie “Genie” Wagner Bolger ’51 and William Bolger on their 50th wedding anniversary*

“Barnard was the setting for many of the pivotal moments in our lives. Professor Held and other teachers kindled Genie’s lifelong love of art and nurtured her work as a painter of abstract art. We married when Genie was still a student and she gave birth to our first son only one month before her graduation—making cramming for finals a real challenge!

“We have always kept Barnard in mind and tried to give back to the College. Every year we contributed to The Barnard Fund, and in later years as members of The President’s Circle. We also made a special gift toward the refurbishing of the Julius S. Held Lecture Hall.

“It was important to Genie that we also remember Barnard in our estate plans. We have structured our estate so that Barnard receives a generous gift after we are both gone. When Genie passed away

earlier this year, I decided to make an additional outright gift in her honor and memory. I know Genie would have approved wholeheartedly.”

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## Setting the Record Straight

Whenever I mentioned that I was going to my 70th Reunion at Barnard this year, I could almost see the mental arithmetic going on by the subtle change in expression—a glassy look with eyes seeming to turn inward—as my listeners tried to subtract. So almost at once I would add that I am 88 years old and not the expected 92. Now, as I read the well-written and researched profile I was privileged to receive in the Summer issue of the magazine, I was mildly dismayed that once again the age factor gives a wrong impression. Although space limitations made it necessary to sketch a long life in very broad strokes, with significant omissions, one item was very specific but, alas, flawed: “Widowed at 53, with sons 9 and 6 ...” Not quite right. So I venture to make the correction: my husband was 53 when he died, but I was 45. By the standard of those years I had become a mother quite late in life so I can’t even imagine what readers might have thought if they were doing the arithmetic once again. Many thanks for setting the record straight.

*Ethel Greenfield Booth '32*  
Los Angeles, Calif.

*Editor's note: Ethel is featured in the 70 Up project. See article on page 20.*

Barnard magazine welcomes letters that are typed, if possible, and no more than 300 words. Letters may be edited for length and clarity. Send your comments to Amy Debra Feldman, editor, Barnard magazine, 3009 Broadway, New York, NY 10027-6598 or via e-mail to [magazine@barnard.edu](mailto:magazine@barnard.edu). Please include your class year, daytime phone number and e-mail address.

## Any Older Moms Out There?

I'm working on a book about women who gave birth at 40 or older. I'm primarily interested in emotional reactions to the pregnancy from anyone important to the woman: that might include doctors, a partner, lover or husband, children of former unions or children born earlier. I'm 45 and gave birth on March 22, 2002, to my second son (my first having been born when I was nearly 42). I'm aiming for a book that tells women's stories, and is light in spirit.

I'd love to hear from any interested parties (e-mail: [Sigmund@panix.com](mailto:Sigmund@panix.com); telephone: 49-521-971-7956). More information is available on my Web site, [www.heartwarmers4u.com/members?over40moms](http://www.heartwarmers4u.com/members?over40moms).

*Melissa Knox-Raab '79*  
Bielefeld, Germany

## Corrections

The article “Why I Haven’t Shed a Tear” in the Spring issue was co-written by Penni Snyder.

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Recognize this Barnard symbol? Here's a hint: It's part of a building on campus. Still stumped? We'll print the answer here in the Winter issue.

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# A Master Plan: Why Now?

**W**hen Barnard moved to Morningside Heights in 1897, the term “master plan” had not yet entered the English language. The building we now know only as Milbank (which then held Fiske, Milbank and

Brinckerhoff Halls) was the only structure on campus. A few years later, architect Charles A. Rich drafted what he called a “Proposed Scheme for the Enlargement of Barnard College.” But in the ensuing decades, while Barnard grew and flourished, Rich’s proposal for a campus facing west to the Hudson River was never realized, and no comprehensive vision ever guided the campus’s growth. By 1926, the Barnard campus included Brooks, Hewitt and Barnard Halls, and another 33 years would

**A new multi-use building will serve as an intellectual, social and cultural center for the campus**

Columbia University grew along the opposite side of Broadway and Palisades Amusement Park grew along the opposite side of the Hudson.

Today, despite the absence of a master plan for over a century and the restrictions imposed by scant acreage, Barnard has an attractive campus graced by beautiful landscaping and a number of distinguished buildings. In recent years, many facilities have undergone extensive modernization. But others remain outdated and make poor use of precious space. In the cramped older residence halls, double rooms have been converted to triples, single rooms are in short supply and more space is needed for group study and other social interaction.

pass before substantial new development took place with the construction of Adele Lehman Hall. Meanwhile, the decision to face Broadway instead of the river was fully validated as

In order to provide an improved quality of life and sense of community for Barnard students, faculty and staff—and to remain competitive with the Ivy League universities considered by Barnard applicants—the College has assigned top priority to the thoroughgoing renovation of residence halls and other major facilities.

Last year, to ensure the harmonization and long-term efficacy of these projects, our Board of Trustees commissioned two architectural master plans—one for the residence halls and one for the entire campus.

The residence hall master plan, which is nearing completion, has been drafted by The Hillier Group, a firm with extensive expertise in campus planning in general and residence hall planning in particular. Hillier’s recent projects include plans for new residence halls at Cornell and new science facilities at Yale. The blueprint for Barnard provides every residence hall with a multi-purpose social space on the first floor, a computer study room, a music practice room, a fitness exercise room, a group study room, a social lounge for every 50 students, a living room for each student apartment and a greater number of single rooms. Implementation of a portion of the plan began during the summer with improvements to Reid, Plimpton and the 600s residence halls.

The College has commissioned Hardy Holzman Pfeiffer Associates (HHPA) for the overall campus master plan, which, as of this writing, is still a work-in-progress; it should



## PRESIDENT'S PAGE

be completed this fall. HHPA is an innovative national leader in architecture and interior design, and, like Hillier, is experienced in campus planning. The centerpiece of Barnard's master plan will be a new multi-use building, which will serve as an intellectual, social and cultural center for the campus. This structure will be neither a traditional library nor a traditional student center, but a unique facility that rises at the nexus of both older models.

It is probable that this "nexus" will be constructed where the Millicent McIntosh Student Center now stands. Forced into service as a venue for larger public lectures and receptions, the lower level of McIntosh does not adequately meet the College's needs for public events space. Moreover, because the lower level must be used in this way, McIntosh fails to pro-

vide students with the space they need for their own activities and organizations. And Millicent McIntosh's name and enduring legacy would continue to be honored conspicuously in this facility. Indeed, it is in the vigorous, forward-looking spirit of "Mrs. Mae" that we plot this course for a new era.

We value your thoughts on these exciting developments, and look forward to hearing from you. There will be more about the master plans in the next issue and on the Web ([www.barnard.edu](http://www.barnard.edu)).

On another subject, I wish to inform our readers that Toni Coffee '56 has retired after 23 years of service to the College. Toni contributed wisely, creatively and tirelessly to Barnard as both associate editor and editor of this magazine, most recently as the editor of *Class Notes*. The class correspondents will sorely miss her, as will all of her colleagues. We



vide students with the space they need for their own activities and organizations.

In the new building, the McIntosh cafeteria would be replaced by superior dining facilities conveniently adjoining the major study areas. Areas for individual and collective study, all with networked computers, would be in ample supply. Student organizations would gain meeting rooms and office space. The College's new public-events venues would be a credit to the institution, and would pay fitting homage

wish Toni much happiness and fulfillment in her new endeavors, and hope to see her often at College gatherings. At the same time, we welcome Lori Segal, the new associate editor, who comes to *Barnard* magazine from *Food & Wine*.

Finally, I ask our readers to take note of the design changes to this issue of *Barnard*. Our art director, Amy Wilson-Webb, most recently with Riee University, spearheaded the redesign. We hope you enjoy the magazine's new look, and welcome your feedback. ☒



# Being a Student, Once Again

**I**n the fall of 2001, I set out to be a student once again. After eight years as Dean of the College, and 30 years all told as a member of the staff in a variety of roles, I was given an opportunity to step back from my day-to-day duties at the College,

thanks to a four-month leave. The plan was simple: a two-week summer institute for senior-level administrators at Harvard's Institute for Educational Management, a month of family time and travel and three months as a visiting scholar at the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation in New York City. The assigned subject was also simple: consider community on our campus and others.

The assignment was an important one; the creation and sustaining of strong communities has been a dominant theme

**I came away very proud of Barnard and of the strength of the fabric that holds the Barnard community together.**

in American higher education in recent years. The Winter 1999 issue of *Daedalus*, the journal of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, was entirely given over to the topic of community in America's liberal

arts colleges. In that issue, the Reverend Professor Peter J. Gomes of Harvard offered a persuasive explanation of why so many students express disappointment in the communities they find on their campuses. "Part of the difficulty is, of course, the climate of expectation created by the elite residential liberal arts colleges. In order to differentiate themselves from the larger and more anonymous research institutions, such colleges have cultivated their idyllic images as small and intensely caring communities .... [C]olleges may create expectations that cannot possibly be met: stress-free,

hurt-free, self-actualizing and affirming communities ... that are maximally secure, noninterfering, and non-judgmental just may not be possible, no matter how efficiently run or handsomely endowed."

In fact, when deans get together, we all lament the demise of community on our campuses. In April 2001, a Task Force on Campus Life, charged by President Shapiro in the Spring 1999 semester "to examine critically the quality of student life at Barnard; assess our competitive position; and present recommendations for developing the kind of engaging and distinctive campus life experience that will serve as a worthy complement to the excellence of our academic programs," published its final report. As chair of the committee, and author of its report, I thought I knew what there was to know about community at Barnard.

I certainly knew the relevant data: that while graduating seniors in the past few years rank Barnard at or near the top among its peer institutions in accessibility of faculty and administrators and high in most student service areas, our students rank us comparatively low in community, with only roughly half our students satisfied or very satisfied. I knew from focus groups held with students in all of our residence halls and with commuter students that we need to make specific improvements to our facilities. I knew that our students sometimes fret over their position within the University. I

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# THROUGH THE GATES

## This Year's Crop is Here

*Incoming scholar-teachers bring diverse interests to the College*

**N**early two dozen scholar-teachers have joined the Barnard faculty for the 2002-2003 year. The professors and their work include:

### ANTHROPOLOGY

**Nadia Abu El-Haj**, assistant professor, recently published *Facts on the Ground: Archaeological Practice and Territorial Self-Fashioning in Israeli Society* (University of

Chicago Press, 2002). She spent the past academic year at the Institute for Advanced Study at Princeton and has received numerous fellowships. Her research focuses on the Middle East. At Barnard, she will teach "Theories of Culture" and "Race and Sex in Scientific and Social Practice." B.A., Bryn Mawr; Ph.D., Duke

### ART HISTORY

**Anne Higonnet**, professor with tenure starting January 2003, had taught at Wellesley since 1988 and last year was a visiting associate professor at Barnard. Currently working on a book about private art museums in the United States and Europe from 1848 through World War II, she has already published three books: two about Impressionist painter Berthe Morisot and *Pictures of Innocence: The History and Crisis of Ideal Childhood* (Thames & Hudson, 1998). She received a Guggenheim Fellowship in 2001 and a Getty Library Research Grant in 2000. B.A., Harvard; Ph.D., Yale



*Seated left to right: Mindy Aloff, Lee Anne Bell, Nadia Abu El-Haj, Rachel Mesch and Lisa Son. Standing left to right: Joanna Goodey, Jamie Rodriguez, Elizabeth Weinstock, Kenneth Shockley, Erin Runions, Tanya Erzen, Kaiama Glover, S. Yaelle Azagury, Jesús Suárez García, Saskia Hamilton and Pamela Cobrin.*



## ASIAN AND MIDDLE EASTERN CULTURES

**Ari Borell**, term assistant professor, is completing his doctorate in East Asian languages and cultures, with a dissertation on the intellectual history of the Sung dynasty. He taught previously at Columbia and at Santa Clara University. His Barnard courses will be in Asian humanities.

B.A., M.A., University of Wisconsin;  
Ph.D. forthcoming, Columbia

## BIOLOGICAL SCIENCES

**Kristen Shepard**, assistant professor as of January 2003, will establish a research program in plant development and evolution at Barnard. She is doing postdoctoral research at the University of North Carolina in a similar area. In addition to teaching advanced courses in plant physiology and development, she will teach "Revolutionary Concepts in Biology."

B.A., University of Pennsylvania; Ph.D., University of California at Berkeley

## CHEMISTRY

**Joanna Goodey Pellois**, term assistant professor, is completing postdoctoral research at the University of Houston on nonlinear optical and ferroelectric materials. Her doctoral thesis was on low-dimensional intermetallic compounds. She has published 10 papers on making new materials with unusual properties and has taught at both her alma maters. At Barnard, she will teach inorganic chemistry, work in the general chemistry introductory lab course and co-run "Quantitative and Instrumental Techniques Analytical Laboratory."

B.S., William and Mary; Ph.D., University of Houston

## DANCE

**Mindy Aloff**, assistant professor of professional practice in dance, has written about dance, literature and music for *The New York Times*, *The New Yorker*, *Atlantic Monthly*, *The New Republic* and other periodicals. She is a consultant to

# Those Lazy, Hazy, Crazy Days of Summer

*How Some Barnard Faculty Members Spent Their  
Summer Vacations*

**W**hen the temperature soared last summer, New Yorkers escaped to Long Island beaches, Berkshire hamlets and European capitals.

Meanwhile, Tovah Klein, assistant professor of psychology and director of the Barnard College Center for Toddler Development, spent her summer near Ground Zero in lower Manhattan.

Working with colleague Ellen DeVoe of Columbia and a team of interviewers, Klein assessed the impact of the trauma of 9/11 and its aftermath on downtown families directly affected by the attacks. The

study, funded by the National Institutes of Health, focused on families with children under the age of 5.

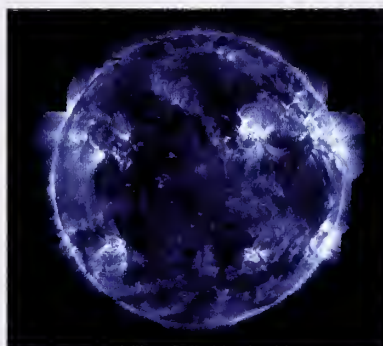
"The youngest kids tend to get overlooked in discussion of trauma," Klein says. "Once we have completed this study, we'll better understand how to support families and young children through all kinds of trauma—fire, natural disaster and other catastrophes as well as terrorism."

Reshmi Mukherjee, assistant professor of physics, spent part of her summer teaching high school students about cosmic ray particles. In a pilot project funded in part by the National Science Foundation, Mukherjee and two other research scientists lectured on particle physics and astrophysics to students from public high schools throughout the

five boroughs. The students' high school science teachers also attended the program. Lectures every morning were followed by labs in the afternoon, in which students mastered such pursuits as measuring the lifetime of an elementary particle called the "muon."

Organist Gail Archer, lecturer in music and director of the Barnard-Columbia Chorus, performed to

enthusiastic audiences, in June at Charleston's Piccolo Spoleto festival, and in July at New York's Riverside Church. Archer's New York concert received a glowing review in *The New York Times*, which



praised her "powerful rendering" of Messiaen's "Les Corps Glorieux."

And Michael Schuessler, assistant professor of Spanish and Latin American cultures, traveled to Mexico in search of the lost chapters of a manuscript he discovered the previous summer. That manuscript is the autobiography of Alma Reed (1889-1966), a crusading American journalist who served as a voice for the disenfranchised and was beloved by the millions of Mexicans who called her "La Peregrina" ("The Pilgrim"). Schuessler—who found the missing chapters—also conducted interviews and searched the archives of Mexico City newspapers for images that will illustrate the autobiography when it is published.

—Anne Schutzberger

the George Balanchine Foundation, former dance critic for *The Nation* and the 1987 recipient of the Whiting Writers Award. Her Barnard courses will include dance history; dance criticism and a first-year seminar on the personal essay.

B.A., Vassar; M.A., State University of New York, Buffalo

## EDUCATION

**Lee Anne Bell**, adjunct professor and director of the Education Program, taught reading and social studies in the Hartford, Conn., public schools and was chair of the Department of Educational Studies at the State University of New York, New Paltz. Her scholarship focuses on gender equity, social justice education, experiential pedagogy and race talk and its consequences in education. She

studied in Mexico as a Fulbright Scholar in 1992 and has won the SUNY Chancellors' Award for Excellence in Teaching.

B.A., Indiana University, Bloomington; Ed.D., University of Massachusetts, Amherst

## ENGLISH

**Pamela Cobrin**, associate, is director of the Writing Center and acting director of the Writing Program. She has taught at Bard, Brooklyn College and New York University. Her doctoral dissertation focuses on feminist theater from the beginning of the 20th century until 1920, the year that women won the right to vote.

B.A., University of Delaware; M.A., Brooklyn College; Ph.D. forthcoming, New York University

taught at several colleges in New York City, including Columbia, Cooper Union and Queens College. Her dissertation is about discourses of loss and the medieval devotional subject. She will teach courses in medieval literature and culture at Barnard.

B.A., Brown; M.A., M.Phil., Ph.D. forthcoming, Columbia

## FRENCH

**S. Yaelle Azagury**, lecturer, wrote her doctoral dissertation on Proust and has done research on Francophone literature of the Maghreb, especially of North African and Sephardic Jews. She is also interested in narratives dealing with the self. She received a diploma in political science from the Institute of Political Studies in Paris.

B.A., Sorbonne-Nouvelle; Ph.D., Columbia

**Kaiama Glover**, assistant professor, joined the Barnard faculty in 2001 as a term assistant professor. She teaches in both the French and the Pan African Studies departments. Her dissertation deals with 20th-century Francophone Caribbean fiction.

B.A., Harvard; D.E.A. (master's), Sorbonne; M.A., M.Phil., Ph.D., Columbia

**Rachel Mesch**, lecturer, is developing a book based on her doctoral thesis on the depiction of sexuality in the work of French women writers from 1880 to 1910. Her courses will include a first-year seminar and Intermediate French I and II.

B.A., Yale; M.A., Columbia; Ph.D., University of Pennsylvania

## HISTORY

**Anene Ejikeme**, term assistant professor, started teaching at Barnard in 2001 in Pan African Studies and continues as interim director of that program. She teaches courses in both History and Pan African Studies. She has previously been on the faculty of Columbia, Rutgers,



**M**et the new neighbor. Lee C. Bollinger was inaugurated as the 19th President of Columbia University on October 3. A graduate of the University of Oregon and Columbia Law School, Bollinger comes to Columbia from the University of Michigan, where he was the university's 12th president. His primary teaching and scholarly interests are free speech and First Amendment issues.

**Saskia Hamilton**, term assistant professor, has had her poetry published in *Ploughshares*, *Colorado Review*, *The Threepenny Review* and *New England Review*. The author of *As for Dream* (Graywolf Press, 2001), Hamilton is editing a book of letters by Robert Lowell, scheduled to be published next year by Farrar, Straus and Giroux. She has run the Literary Program of the Lannan Foundation and taught at Harvard, New York University and University of California at Berkeley. The acting director of Women Poets at Barnard, she will teach poetry writing, the history of poetry and poetics.

B.A., Kenyon College; M.A., New York University

**Elizabeth Weinstock**, assistant professor, has



and Fairfield University. Her dissertation topic is Catholic women in Nigeria from 1885 to 1964.

B.A., Yale; M.A., Ohio State; Ph.D. forthcoming, Columbia

## MATHEMATICS

**Christopher Leninger**, adjunct assistant professor, is teaching at Barnard as part of a National Science Foundation postdoctoral research fellowship, having completed his Ph.D. in low-dimensional topology in May. He has published three research papers and received a research grant this year from the Clay Mathematics Institute.

B.S., Ball State; Ph.D., University of Texas

## PHILOSOPHY

**Kenneth Shockley**, term assistant professor, served with the Peace Corps in Malawi, studied in Australia as a Fulbright Scholar and was an exchange student in Warwick, England. He received the Dean's Award for Excellence in Teaching at Washington University, where he is completing a doctoral dissertation titled "Social Groups and Special Obligations." He has written about contract theory, the social nature of normativity, social ontology and Harvard philosopher and mathematician W.V.O. Quine.

B.S., University of Wisconsin, Madison; M.A., State University of New York, Buffalo; Ph.D. forthcoming, Washington University

## PSYCHOLOGY

**Lisa Son**, assistant professor, has been a postdoctoral fellow at Columbia since 2001, studying human and animal memory and meta-cognition. At Barnard she will teach courses on cognitive psychology and on human learning and memory.

B.A., University of Pennsylvania; Ph.D., Columbia

## RELIGION

**Tanya Erzen**, Mellon Postdoctoral Fellow 2002-2004, co-edited the book

*Zero Tolerance: Quality of Life and the New Police Brutality in New York City* (New York University Press, 2001). Articles she wrote will be included in forthcoming books about religious healing and ethnography and cultural activism in America. Her doctoral dissertation examined issues of sexuality and religion in the politics of the Christian Right, specifically the "ex-gay movement." At Barnard, she will teach about the ethnography of religion and conservative religious movements in U.S. history.

B.A., Brown; Ph.D., New York University

**Erin Runions**, term assistant professor, works as an after-school tutor in Harlem and as a translator at immigrant detention centers in the New York area. Author of *Changing Subjects: Gender, Nation and Future in Micah* (Sheffield Academic Press, 2002), she is concerned with issues of gender, violence and justice. Barnard courses will include "Gender and Religion," "Religion and Film," "Millennium: Apocalypse and Utopia" and "Feminist Texts I: Wollstonecraft to Beauvoir."

B. Music, University of British Columbia, Vancouver; Ph.D., McGill University

## SOCIOLOGY

**Elizabeth Bernstein**, assistant professor, was a Mellon Postdoctoral Fellow at Barnard during the past academic year. Her scholarship focuses on sociology of sexuality, gender, feminist theory and sociology of law. She has written several works, including her dissertation, about sexual labor in various places around the world, and she co-authored a report for the San Francisco Task Force on Prostitution.

B.A., Ph.D., University of California at Berkeley

## SPANISH AND LATIN AMERICAN CULTURES

**Jesús Suárez García**, associate profes-

## Voices in the News

**"Cars, like ships, are given a female persona, and it is a female that men get to control."**

—President Judith Shapiro, commenting in "Driving: Do Women Have the Zoom Gene?" an article about the appeal of luxury cars, The New York Times, April 26.

**"Any activity that brings you in contact with other people is a source of inspiration."**

—Claudine Rankine, assistant professor of English, in Caribbean Life (Brooklyn edition), April 23, on judging poetry submitted in Fed-cap's second annual Words About Work! contest.

sor, has taught at Duke and in Russia, Spain and Wales and has published several articles on the methodology of teaching languages. His dissertation is on the role of dictionaries in vocabulary acquisition when learning second languages.

B.A., University of León (Spain); Ph.D. forthcoming, University of Wales, Swansea

## WOMEN'S STUDIES

**Rebecca Young**, term assistant professor 2002-2004, specializes in women and HIV/AIDS. She holds a grant from the National Institutes of Health's National Institute on Drug Abuse for work on women drug users and, in 2000, received the Marisa de Castro Benton Prize for Outstanding Dissertation in the Sociomedical Sciences. Her courses will include women and health, women and science and women and HIV/AIDS.

B.A., Bryn Mawr; Ph.D., Columbia

—Adrienne Onofri

# It's a Whole New World for First-Year Students

**R**eturning to campus in August to observe the updated Orientation program stirred feelings of wistfulness, pride and—admittedly—perhaps the smallest twinge of envy in me.

When I walked through the Barnard gates for my orientation in September 1974, I was a confused and terrified 16-year-old. I was handed a key for my temporary residence hall assignment for the Labor Day weekend program (I was a commuter), my student ID and mailbox combination, a bunch of forms for class registration—and not much else.

Now, Barnard's week-long program—coordinated by 13 dedicated Barnard and Columbia students—focuses on aspects of student life from academics to social and emotional concerns. "If we can make the transition [to college] successful, then ultimately the academic experience will be successful as well," says Cherie Sheridan, director of Barnard's College Activities Office.

There are barbecues and breakfasts, floor meetings in residence halls, tours of New York neighborhoods, sessions with

academic advisers, department open houses and, of course, campus tours. New students receive Barnard goodies such as an Athena pin, courtesy of the Alumnae Association, a Barnard pennant and a stuffed Barnard bear wearing a yellow T-shirt (each class, as part of an effort to give classes strong individual identities, is assigned its own color for ceremonial events).

A candle-lighting ceremony conveyed the power of the connections among students and alumnae worldwide. After a slide show about campus life and traditions, a representative from each class lit a candle on the stage in the Ethel S. LeFrak '41 and Samuel J. LeFrak Gymnasium before each student lit her own candle, symbolically linking her to the 29,166 living alumnae.

For Alisa Powers '06, Orientation strengthened her identity as a Barnard student. "I liked Convocation, especially the candle lighting—it made me feel that we have a class within the school," she says. "And I liked how the other students were cheering for us!"



As President Shapiro observed in her welcoming remarks, "You have made a wonderful choice in coming here. For the next four years and into the future, you could not be in a better place. As members of the Class of 2006, you will always be a part of Barnard and we hope that Barnard will remain an important part of your life forever."

—Merri Rosenberg '78

## CAMPUS HUMS WITH ACTIVITY IN SUMMER

**B**arnard students might be away on summer vacation, but the campus is far from quiet from late May through early August, when programs for junior high and high school students offer courses on everything from calculus to photography.

Some programs, such as the Higher Education Opportunity Program (HEOP), are geared toward incoming first-year students. Through HEOP, about 25 economically disadvantaged students receive a six-week preview of college-level English, computer science, calculus and chemistry before they officially start at Barnard in the fall. In most cases, these students—who represent Asian, Latina, West Indian, African-American, East Indian and Caucasian backgrounds—are the first in their families to attend college, says Francesca Cuevas-Cruz, director of HEOP. Barnard covers tuition, room and board for HEOP participants for five years and has nurtured distinguished alumnae including writer Edwidge Danticat '90, author of *Breath, Eyes, Memory* (Ran-

dom House, 1998), Cuevas-Cruz adds.

Other programs, such as the Science and Technology Entry Program (STEP), are for younger students. Through STEP, economically disadvantaged minority students in the eighth through 12th grades come to Barnard to get a head start in subjects including chemistry, physics, biology and math that they'll encounter during the next academic year. Similarly, the Liberty Partnerships Program offers math and English classes to students in the seventh through the 12th grades, as well as enrichment activities such as theater and photography. Students who are 14 or older also participate in internships.

And high school students eager to study acting, psychology and fiction writing, among other topics, can get "a taste of college life" through Barnard's pre-college program, says Allison Kimmich, the program's director.

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# Mellon Grant is a Fruitful Success

*Cluster advising, in-residence seminars build community*

**W**ith an academic community grant from the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation, Barnard was able to develop many community-based programs over the past two years (see "Faculty Forum," page 5). "The grant enlarged the sense of community and enhanced the relationship between the professor and the student," says Marjorie Silverman, dean for student development and director of transfer student services.

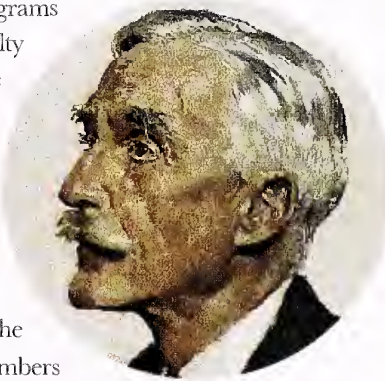
Although the grant comes to an end, the College will continue two of the programs created by deans, faculty members and student life staff members: the academic advising cluster program and one-point introductory courses in the Humanities and Social Sciences. In the cluster program, students who live on the same residence hall floor work with faculty members, deans and a residential adviser in a structure that provides small-group advising and individual consultation. Each group receives funding for three cultural activities that the students, faculty and deans plan; faculty members are encouraged to bring their families.

The one-point introductory courses, taught by faculty and staff, give students an overview of academic and professional options in the various disciplines and sub-disciplines. Students in "Introduction to the Social Sciences" learn about everything from economics to anthropology from professors, students and alumnae who talk about research and careers.

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In-residence first-year seminars, a student leadership program and faculty-sponsored trips were similarly well-received. "We've applied for a two-year renewal of the Mellon grant and are looking for additional funding to continue these worthwhile programs in the longer term," Dean of the College Dorothy Denburg says. In the in-residence seminar program, students who live on the same floor take the same seminar and take trips around the city with their professors. In the Leadership in Residence Program, faculty and guest speakers led discussions about leadership and different types of activism, including anti-war, feminist and non-violence movements. Professor of Religion and Ingeborg Rønert Professor of Judaic Studies Alan Segal discussed leadership in the Islamic world after 9/11. The original grant funded four faculty-sponsored trips in the 2001-2002 academic year, including an excursion to Death Valley for environmental science majors.

—Erica Schlesinger '98



## FALL CALENDAR

### **Manliness and the Romans: Elite Representation in an Imperial Setting,**

November 20, noon. As part of the Lunchtime Lecture Series, Natalie Boymel Kampen, professor of Women's Studies, will speak at the Center for Research on Women, 101 Barnard Hall; 212-854-2067.

**"What The Butler Saw,"** November 21 at 6:30 p.m., November 22 and 23 at 8 p.m., November 24 at 3 p.m. Barnard College Columbia University Undergraduate Theater presents Joe Orton's play, directed by Jessica Brater. \$7 for general admission, \$3 with CUID. Minor Latham Playhouse, 212-854-5638, [www.barnard.edu/theater](http://www.barnard.edu/theater).

**Winter Dance Concert,** December 6 and 7 at 7:30 p.m. Performances choreographed by students at Minor Latham Playhouse. \$6 for general admission, \$4 with CUID. Sandra Velásquez, Department of Dance, 212-854-2995.

**The Columbia Candlelight Concerts,** December 6 and 7 at 8 p.m. The Barnard-Columbia Chorus, directed by Gail Archer, performs at St. Paul's Chapel. \$10 for general admission, \$5 with CUID. Miller Theatre box office, 212-854-7799.

**The 18th Biennial Barnard College Medieval/Renaissance Conference,** December 7, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Topic: King David in medieval and Renaissance culture. Barnard Hall. Reservations are recommended: Professor Anne Lake Prescott, 212-854-2107 or Professor Laurie Postlewait, 212-854-2053; [www.barnard.edu/english/medren2002](http://www.barnard.edu/english/medren2002).

**The Barnard Summit on Women's Leadership,** April 5. The Summit will focus on women's health and well-being as a barometer for the health and well-being of society and the environment as a whole. Early confirmed speakers include Faye Wattleton, former President of Planned Parenthood. The 2001 Summit drew more than 1,000 guests to campus to hear noted speakers such as Janet Reno, Massachusetts Gov. Jane Swift and Naomi Wolfe.

# Drilling and Hammering

*The Sounds of Summer at Barnard*

**T**his semester, many Barnard students are enjoying the comforts of newly renovated living spaces. The improvements to the residence halls—following the guidelines of the College's residential master plan—were among a host of facilities projects completed during the summer.

"We're dedicated to ensuring that our facilities match the outstanding quality of Barnard's academic offerings," says Andy Manshel, the College's vice president for finance and administration. "This year alone we're spending more than \$4 million on campus renovations."

Consequently, for creative young Barnard women, "a room of one's own" can be found in places it never was before. In 600 West 116th Street and 620 West 116th Street, old apartments have been replaced by computer-networked suites, each featuring single bedrooms with easy access to a contemporary kitchen, sleek bathroom and large living room (see photograph on page 15). In 616 West 116th Street, the number of singles per suite was reduced to five from six, and the larger common areas favored by students have been fashioned from the leftover square footage.

On the two renovated floors of Plimpton Hall, suites now feature updated bathrooms and more convenient kitchens, while Plimpton's corridors, elevator lobbies and outdoor greenery have also been transformed. Improvements to the residential Quad include the new handicapped-accessible bathrooms and redecorated corridors on two floors of Reid Hall, and improved lighting, fresh paint and new carpets in contemporary colors in corridors of Brooks and Hewitt Halls. And the environment across the

street in Elliott Hall is also brighter, due to a repainted lobby and new appliances in every kitchen.

Meanwhile in Lehman Hall, Barnard's library boasts the handsome carrels, comfortable furniture and refinished woodwork of the new Laurie J. Levinberg '76 and Jeffrey W. Moses, M.D., Reading Room.

Classroom spaces, too, have been radically made over. Most notable is the total renovation of Altschul Hall's Lehman Auditorium, the largest lecture hall on campus. While this auditorium will continue to serve primarily as a lecture lab for the science departments in Altschul, its size, aesthetics and extensive multimedia capabilities will also provide the College with a premiere space for special programs and events. This project was funded by The Overbrook Foundation, and by Barnard Trustees Myra H. Monfort '60 and Evelyn Langlieb Greer '70.

The renovated auditorium's 242 seats (227 stationary, 15 moveable for wheelchair access) face a new chemistry lab bench that holds the usual lab sink with faucets and gas valves while offering touch-screen control of a full complement of presentation media—multi-standard VCR, CD/DVD player, laserdisc player, audiocassette recorder/player, data projector, slide projector and digital document camera (the 21st-century version of the overhead projector). A computer with a network connection, a flat-panel monitor, and floppy, zip and CD-RW/DVD drives is also housed in the bench.

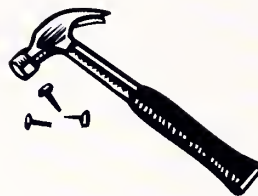
Among the auditorium's other

features are two stationary projection screens, one motorized screen, wired and wireless microphones for high-quality speech reinforcement, a sophisticated sound system (dual-channel equalizer, stereo power amplifier and wall-mounted speakers), an assisted-listening system, wall- and ceiling-mounted video cameras and cable-television and tele-conferencing capability. A rear projection booth that houses two 16mm film projectors also duplicates most of the presentation equipment, allowing an unobtrusive operator to assist the faculty member or other presenter.

"Through careful planning and design, we have created an enormously attractive facility that meets the many technological imperatives of college teaching today," says Carol Falcione, dean of information services.

And topping off the hardhat news ... Barnard now has a beautiful new counseling center, thanks to the abundant generosity of Trustee Rosemary Frankel Furman '58 and her husband, Richard. Following a summer of nonstop construction in Hewitt and Brooks Halls, the Rosemary Frankel Furman '58 Counseling Center opened in the fall. Gone is the small loft space that shared a waiting room with Health Services. The new facility—with a discreetly placed reception area, a library/conference room, an acute care room and 10 counseling offices—offers maximum privacy and comfort for those seeking therapeutic support. At the same time, the center's professionals now have an effective base from which to expand their outreach to students, student organizations, faculty and staff.

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# WANTED: Alumnae to Recruit for Barnard

**I**nterested in recruiting students for Barnard? Become a Barnard Alumnae Admissions Representative (BAAR) and act as an official link between the Office of Admissions and students in your community. "Alumnae who participate in the BAAR program help Barnard identify outstanding high school students and personalize the admissions process by representing Barnard at college fairs and conducting applicant interviews," says Jennifer Fondiller '88, dean of admissions. Similarly, Fondiller hopes that alumnae in secondary education will be willing to have a representative from the admissions

office come to their school to talk to students about preparing for college.

In a continuing effort to reach out to underrepresented communities, the admissions office has brought more than 20 local community-based organizations to campus to introduce them to Barnard. The office plans to apply to bring the College Horizons program for Native American students to campus as well, Fondiller says.

These initiatives represent a goal that's "more comprehensive than just recruiting for Barnard," she says. "While so much of what we do is public relations for Barnard and, specifically, recruiting

students for the College, we have a bigger goal: to provide information about opportunities for education to students who may not know what's out there."

The office also hopes that young alumnae in the tri-state area will volunteer, Fondiller says. "Young alumnae have so much enthusiasm. They have a very fresh experience, and to channel that in such a way is wonderful," she says.

Alumnae interested in participating in recruitment should contact Rebecca Besthoff, associate director of admissions, by phone (212-854-2014) or via e-mail ([rbesthof@barnard.edu](mailto:rbesthof@barnard.edu)).

—Daphne Sashin '98

## ELEANOR THOMAS ELLIOTT: In Pursuit of Happiness

**E**leanor Thomas Elliott '48, known to her friends as Elly, rifles off the three best things that have ever happened to her: "Marrying Jock, Eleanor Thomas Elliott Hall and now this honorary degree."

In May, Elliott was presented with an honorary degree from Duke University that recognizes her role as a champion of women. In her citation, Duke's President Nannerl O. Keohane commended Elliott's contributions to the Woodrow Wilson National Fellowship Foundation, of which Elliott was the first woman chairman. "The Foundation has been a force in funding feminist scholarship—a fact that reflects your own philanthropic commitment," Keohane said.

Elliott, who received the Barnard College Medal of Distinction in 1979, was also the first woman to serve on the boards of Celanese Corp. and CIT Financial Corp.

As a philosophy major at Barnard, Elliott had once imagined herself working in a museum. "Like a lot of people when they graduate from college, they think the world is waiting for them. Well, the world wasn't waiting for me," she says.

Her career was full of adventures, beginning with an editorial job at *Vogue* that she looks back on as "heaps of fun." Then, working for the Eisenhower presidential campaign led her to become social secretary to Secretary of

State John Foster Dulles. Eventually, Elliott chose marriage over her Washington, D.C. whirlwind life of dignitaries and charter planes. Instead, she devoted herself to volunteer work, particularly on behalf of her alma mater, of which she joined the Board of Trustees in 1959, later becoming chairman of the board and then a Trustee Emerita.

In the 1970s, Elliott was involved with the effort to keep Barnard an independent women's college, a victory that she stresses was achieved by many loyal Barnard women and men, and she is proud of having a part in it.

Elliott continues to emphasize the importance of education, feminism and volunteer work. In a life filled with many choices and challenges, the first woman to serve on many boards—both of non-profit organizations and for-profit companies—hasn't lost sight of what really matters to her: the advancement of women.

"It's important to work hard and realize you can do things and be successful, but the Founding Fathers said we were here for life, liberty and one other thing—the pursuit of happiness. If you're happy with what you're doing, you're going to do it well."

—Ronnie Koenig '96



# Faces of The Barnard Fund

9,683 alumnae, parents, and friends contributed to *The Barnard Fund* last year—a collective investment of \$4.22 million. Here are some of the students, faculty, and resources that benefited from this support.

## Cassidy Foley '05

Cassidy is a sophomore biology major whose scholarship is partially funded by Barnard Fund donations. She is on the Dean's List and assisted Professor John Glendinning in the neuroscience lab during her first year. Cassidy chose Barnard, in part, because of its commitment to advancing women in the sciences. "I remember looking through the Barnard catalogue and seeing that the head of the science department was a woman. I then realized that I had never had a female science teacher," she says. "Having brilliant women and men to look up to in the science department is what Barnard is all about."



## Robert Smith

Donations to The Barnard Fund helped underwrite a grant for Smith's research on the school and work success of second-generation Mexican-Americans. "Gender shapes the meaning of ethnicity in every sphere of life—at school, at home, and in the community—which affects academic aspirations and performance," explains Smith, assistant professor of sociology. The seed money helped Smith attract an additional \$250,000 from the National Science Foundation and other organizations. Smith's recent City Council testimony provided crucial arguments and data for the successful passage of a New York State law enhancing immigrants' access to higher education.



## Chava Brandriss '03

"Without financial aid, many students, including me, would never have been able to benefit from the Barnard experience," says Chava, whose scholarship is made possible in part by donations to The Barnard



Fund. She is taking full advantage of her time at Barnard: she manages the Barnard Bartending Agency, works as a residential computing assistant, writes for the *barnard bulletin*, and serves as a peer counselor for the Rape Crisis Anti-Violence Support Center. Beyond campus, she has worked as a swim instructor at Bank Street School and served as a venue director at the 2002 New York Fringe Festival.

## Lisa Gordis

A research grant partially funded by contributions to The Barnard Fund helped Assistant Professor of English Lisa Gordis to complete the final stages of her new book, *Opening Scripture: Bible Reading and Interpretive Authority in Puritan New England*, which will be published by University of Chicago Press in January 2003. "The Puritans' role as Bible readers was central to their understanding of themselves as individu-



als and as a community," Gordis explains. "My book illuminates the texts and the controversies that emerged from the Puritans' complex love affair with the Bible, and restores reading and interpretation to their rightful



place at the center of Puritan religious and cultural life.”

## The Barnard Archives

Last June, the extensive collection of documents, photographs, and other materials in the Barnard archives



*Amy Kim '04 and Donald Glassman in the new archives*

were finally given a proper home. Located in Lehman Hall, the renovated space not only accommodates three times the number of students and researchers, but also features 24-hour climate control, UV-filtered

lighting, and a compact storage system—all of which enable the College to better preserve and share its history. “I am delighted to see how much more efficiently the Archives is serving the Barnard community and visiting researchers, now that we have such a cool and hospitable home,” says archivist

Donald Glassman. Donations to The Barnard Fund helped offset the \$500,000 cost of the project.

## The seniors in 620

Seniors living in a newly renovated apartment in Barnard housing at 620 West 116th Street now enjoy high-speed computer connections, a sparkling kitchen with new cabinetry and appliances, and ceiling-height windows and French doors in the bedrooms. The renovation was made possible in part by Barnard Fund donations. Other upgrades and improvements in 600, 616, Plimpton, and the Quad



*Michelle Mulbauer '03 in a renovated kitchen at 620*

residence halls were also partially underwritten by The Barnard Fund. The improvements are among the first to be completed under the College’s master plan, an unprecedented effort to enhance the infrastructure of the four-acre campus.

## REUNION TOTALS ON THE WEB

IN A YEAR THAT OFFERED SPECIAL CHALLENGES, ALUMNAE DEMONSTRATED THEIR UNQUENCHABLE LOYALTY AND DEVOTION TO BARNARD DURING 2001-02. EVERY CLASS INCREASED ITS GIVING OR PARTICIPATION (OR BOTH) IN THE BARNARD FUND, AND MANY SET NEW RECORDS FOR REUNION GIVING. TO SEE THE 2002 REUNION CLASS TOTALS, PLEASE VISIT [WWW.BARNARD.EDU/GIVING/THEBARNARDFUND](http://WWW.BARNARD.EDU/GIVING/THEBARNARDFUND).

# Toddler Center Receives \$1 Million Gift

**C**larissa and Edgar Bronfman, Jr., recently gave \$1 million to endow The Axel Bronfman Family Toddler Center Fund, named in memory of their son. “We’re very pleased to contribute to the Center, which helps parents through an important and exciting stage in their child’s life,” says Mrs. Bronfman. In addition to supporting toddlers and their families, the Barnard College Center for Toddler Development, under the direction of Assistant Professor of Psychology Tovah Klein, provides Barnard and Columbia students with unique opportunities to study child development. Income from the fund will support the Center’s activities and staff.

The Bronfmans credit Patricia H. Shimm, the Center’s associate director, for inspiring their gift. “Because of Pat’s warmth, honesty, and passion, the program stays with you well beyond the year your child is there,” says Mrs. Bronfman, whose daughter Clarissa began the program this fall—following siblings Aaron, Bettina, and Erik. “Ten years later, mothers are still calling Pat for advice.”

# Passing the Torch

*Scholarship Gifts Keep Barnard's Gates Open*

**Y**oung women from approximately 48 states and 32 countries enliven and enrich the educational experience for all Barnard students. Several alumnae and friends recently established new scholarship funds to help ensure that all promising students have access to a Barnard education, regardless of their financial circumstances.

Barnard Trustee and Chair Emerita **Helene L. Kaplan '53** and husband **Mark N. Kaplan** endowed a scholarship fund named in honor of their friend Margaret (Nancy) U. Lourie '53, a recipient of the 1997 Alumni Medal for service to the university. "All of Nancy's activities on behalf of Barnard reflect tremendous dedication, loyalty, commitment, and love for her alma mater," says Mrs. Kaplan.

**Bethia Straus '81** and husband **Paul Quintas** endowed the Gwendolyn Straus Scholarship Fund in honor of Straus's mother. The fund will support Barnard students who

are graduates of Yeshiva schools.

A scholarship fund established with a pledge from the **Moglia** family is named in honor of Helen Revelle Esposito '38, a former business teacher and a dedicated volunteer at Barnard and other organizations. In addition, friends and family of Esposito have made generous contributions to the fund.



*Janet Helman '56 and Ebony Wiresinger '04 at Torchbearers Reception 2002.*

**Elaine M. Kuracina '69**, **Marilee J. Kuracina '72**, and **Debbie J. Kuracina** will endow the Mary Repazy Kuracina Scholarship Fund in honor of their late mother, who, says Elaine, "strongly believed that a college education was the best way we could make something of our-

selves, and to make a difference in the world."

**Wendy Supovitz Reilly '63** and husband **Robert Reilly** will establish the Wendy Supovitz Reilly '63 Scholarship Fund. Mrs. Reilly, who founded the Southwestern Ohio Barnard Club and served as a class officer, celebrates her 40th Reunion this year.

## LEARNING THE BUSINESS OF SHOW BUSINESS

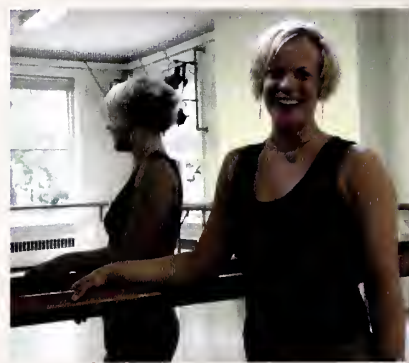
**A** summer internship at the acclaimed Ballet Hispanico gave Kristin Carlson '03 a look at the business behind performance—and it also gave her a job.

Kristin, whose combined major is in women's studies and art history with a concentration in visual arts, utilized her training in graphic design to create a wide variety of marketing tools for the dance company. Ballet Hispanico was so impressed that they invited her to continue as a part-time employee. "Arts administration is a field I hadn't considered before, and now I'm thinking of pursuing it after graduation," she says.

Kristin is one of eight participants

in The Social Kauffman Entrepreneurial Internship Program, a hands-on learning initiative funded by The Ewing Marion Kauffman Foundation. The program—which is under the direction of Donlin Foreman, associate professor in professional practice of dance, and Katherine Kavanagh, director of the Minor Latham Playhouse—complements a highly successful Kauffman program for students interested in private-sector entrepreneurship.

The Kauffman interns, who worked at non-profit arts organizations during the summer, met several times to share experiences. This fall, each student will draw on her experi-



*Kristin Carlson '03*

ence to write a substantial paper about the financial issues faced by arts companies.

"The Kauffman program has gone far beyond my expectations—it's been really great," Kristin says.



# Mary Gordon's "Story Writing I" Class

## Spinning A Tale

**F**or the past 14 years, Millicent C. McIntosh Professor of Writing Mary Gordon '71 has watched her students grow not only as writers, but also as people. Alumnae of Gordon's "Story Writing I" class (ENGL BC 3115x) often say that the class has sharpened their reading and writing skills, and rewarded them with an enduring relationship with their professor.

Each semester the approximately 15 students who enroll in Gordon's advanced fiction writing workshop are required to write and revise a major body of work—four complete works of fiction, or 40-pages of a sustained longer work—read and critique each other's work, and read and discuss the work of a master writer such as John Cheever.

Acknowledging the value of the education a student gets when she reviews and revises her work, Gordon also asks students to revise at least 10 pages of their writing. These revisions often reflect comments by Gordon as well as classmates; students present two stories or excerpts from a longer work to the class for discussion.

"I strive to create an environment of trust," Gordon says of the critiquing sessions. "It is a workshop, a place to try things out, and the students have a wonderful way of being both generous and rigorous" at the same time.

In addition to learning from each other's writing, students study the work of established fiction writers. Gordon chooses three or four short story writers of varying styles to introduce to the class. This fall, students are reading John Cheever, Katherine Mansfield, Edna O'Brien and Eudora Welty.

"I try to introduce them to different voices and approach-

es to writing fiction," Gordon says. "O'Brien is an imagistic and earthy writer with a strong sense of plot; Mansfield is very good at a more almost dreamy speculative fiction and Cheever is focused and crisp and his plots are almost always straightforward."

Despite her intensive work with the students' writing, Gordon recognizes that most of her students will not become published writers. Thus, she strives to give them additional skills to use as readers. She uses the master writers and the students' writing to show her students how to identify and work with various writing styles. She then requires each student to complete both an imitation and a parody of a writer of her choice.

"They go into it kicking and screaming," Gordon says. After the assignment, however, she sees dramatic growth in each student's writing.

Many of Gordon's students have published short stories and novels and have attended graduate writing programs. Former students who have published novels include Galaxy Craze '92, author of *By the Shore* (Grove Press, 2000); Edwidge Danticat '90, author of *After the Dance: A Walk Through Carnival in Jacmel, Haiti* (Crown Publishers, 2002); and Eliza Minot '91, author of *The Tiny One* (Vintage Books, 2000).

"One of the exciting things about Barnard is that we seem to have stronger students every year," Gordon says. She notes that the course has always attracted strong writers, but that students increasingly have many intellectual interests and are more willing to read widely and deeply outside the field of contemporary fiction. ☒



### AUTHORS STUDIED IN THE CLASS

#### John Cheever

Cheever received the National Book Award for *The Wapshot Chronicle* (Vintage Books, 1992). Gordon recommends *The Stories of John Cheever* (Vintage Books, 2000).

#### Katherine Mansfield

Mansfield penned many short stories, collected in *Stories* (Vintage Books, 1991). Collections of her letters and private writings have also been published.

#### Edna O'Brien

Gordon is a fan of *A Fanatic Heart: Collected Stories of Edna O'Brien* (New American Library, 1985). O'Brien most recently wrote *Down by the River* (Plume, 1998).

#### Eudora Welty

Welty received the Pulitzer Prize for Fiction for *The Optimist's Daughter* (Vintage Books, 1990). Gordon suggests *Collected Stories of Eudora Welty* (Harvest Books, 1982).

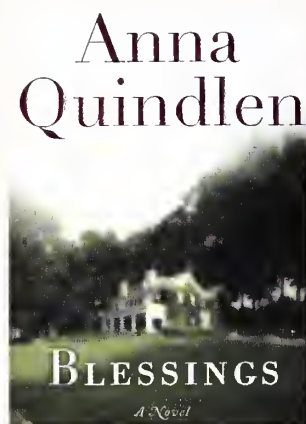
FICTION

**More Precious Than Gold**

by Evelyn Mizrahi Blatt, edited  
by Eve-Lynn Siegel  
Gardner '94  
Hachai Publishing, 2002,  
\$8.95

**The Fall of the Kings**

by Ellen Kushner '77  
Bantam Doubleday Dell, 2002,  
\$13.95

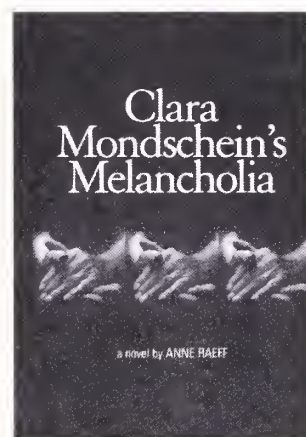


**Blessings**

by Anna Quindlen '74  
Random House, 2002, \$24.95

**Clara Mondschein's Melancholia**

by Anne Raeff '81  
MacAdam/Cage Publishing,  
2002, \$25



**Daughter**

by Lois Silverstein '60  
Red Shoes Press, 2002, \$18.69  
*Available through [www.xlibris.com](http://www.xlibris.com)*

**Mrs. Papakakis and Aspasia: Two Novels**

by Florence Wetzel '84  
Writers Club Press, 2002,  
\$19.95

POETRY

**A Poet's Journey Toward September 11**

by Sheila Wolkowitz  
Handler '61  
Baker & Taylor, 2002  
*Available through Barnes & Noble*

**Poems of a Haunted Child**

by Sheila Wolkowitz  
Handler '61  
Baker & Taylor, 2002  
*Available through Barnes & Noble*



**Good Morning Midnight**

by Kim Rosenfield '87  
Roof Books, 2001, \$10.95

**In Solitary**

by Lynne Sharon Schwartz '59  
The Sheep Meadow Press,  
2002, \$12.95

**Reproductions of the Empty Flagpole**

by Eileen Tabios '82  
Marsh Hawk Press, 2002,  
\$12.95

GENERAL NONFICTION

**The Best American Science & Nature Writing 2002**

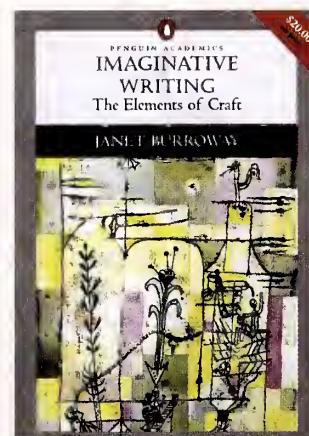
edited by Natalie Angier '78  
and Tim Folger  
Houghton Mifflin, 2002,  
\$27.50/\$13

**Perilous Journeys: Personal Stories of German and Austrian Jews Who Escaped the Nazis**

edited by Barbara Goldberg  
Appelbaum '62 and Barbara  
Lovenheim '62  
The Center for Holocaust  
Awareness and Information,  
2002, \$22.95  
*Available through [www.bookmasters.com](http://www.bookmasters.com) or the Jewish Community Federation, 441 East Ave., Rochester, NY 14607*

**Survival in the Shadows: Seven Hidden Jews in Hitler's Berlin**

edited by Barbara Goldberg  
Appelbaum '62 and Barbara  
Lovenheim '62  
*Published in Germany and England*

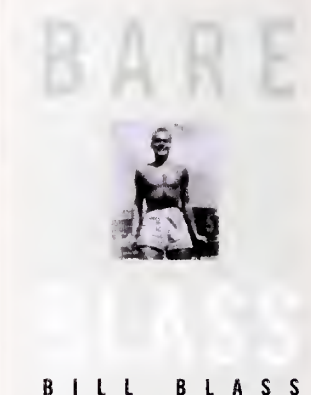


**Imaginative Writing: The Elements of Craft**

by Janet Burroway '58  
Penguin Academics, 2002, \$20

**Teaching Haftarah: Background, Insights and Strategies**

by Lainie Blum Cogan '90 and  
Rabbi Judy Weiss  
A.R.E. Publishing, 2002, \$35



**Bare Blass**

by Bill Blass, edited by Cathy  
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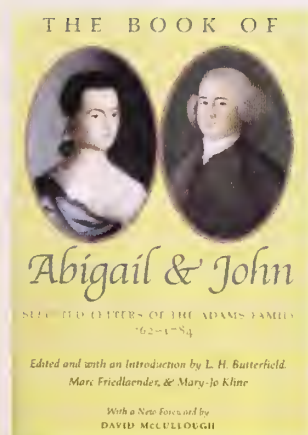
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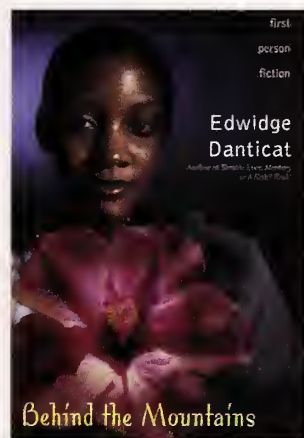
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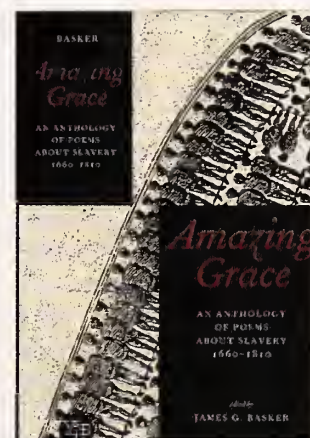
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PHOTOS AND CAPTIONS BY JESSICA CHORNESKY/70 UP

# Older & Bolder

When Jessica Chornesky '85 reached her mid-30s, she

thought, "Nearly half my life is over. Does everything stop at 70?"

Despite owning a successful music management and marketing company, she felt listless and knew that she'd reached a point in her life—both personally and professionally—when she needed to make some major changes. "I was supporting other people's creative visions, but felt that something was missing because I wasn't honoring my own," she says.

Her dream was to be a professional photographer. She had started taking photography classes a few years before, and decided to devote more time to her craft. She also began seeking female role models who could make her more hopeful about her possibilities. "I needed to

feel that there was a lot of time for me to develop and grow and that I could be excited about a new professional life, even though I wasn't in my 20s and just starting out in my career," Chornesky says.

And thus 70 Up was born: a collection of photographs Chornesky took and interviews she conducted with accomplished, active and interesting women, all of whom are 70 or older. The purpose of the project "is not to make older women younger or to put women up on pedestals," she explains. Rather, "it's trying to reframe how we view older women."

70 Up was exhibited for the first time in New York's Grand Central Terminal as part of the Women's Expo for a

Healthy New York in May. The project, which Chornesky hopes to publish as a book, will be on

exhibit throughout the United States in 2003 and 2004 and can be viewed on her Web site, [www.70up.org](http://www.70up.org). She is fundraising for the project to be shown at the Museum of the City of New York in March 2003.

Among the women featured are Ethel Greenfield Booth '32, journalist and communications educator; Elinor Coleman Guggenheimer '33, civic leader and activist; Margaret (Peg) Diem Yorkin '47, co-founder of the Feminist Majority Foundation; Angela Lansbury, Academy Award-winning actress; Sumi Leonard, a world-class track athlete; Mathilde Krim, lobbyist and founder of the American Foundation for AIDS Research (amfAR); and Dolores Huerta, Mexican-Ameri-



can labor leader and co-founder of the United Farm Workers Union.

"The core of the interviews was about cultivating self-esteem," Chornesky says. What's more, the women with whom she met projected an image of power that was inspiring. These women "don't let themselves be invisible. They demand respect," she says.

One of the most surprising—and comforting—things Chornesky learned from the women she interviewed for 70 Up was how late in life many of them truly began to feel confident about themselves. They



"didn't feel like they had come into their own until their 40s," she says. "It was then that their self-confidence and inner strength began to flourish."

Chornesky was also impressed with how some of her subjects were able to look back on hardship and adversity with a remarkably positive attitude. Chornesky points to Yuri Kochiyama, a Japanese internment camp survivor, who believes that the camp "was the best thing that ever happened to her ... because it brought the

## ANGELA LANSBURY

Her talent is legendary. So is her astonishing body of work. Lansbury, 75, began her Hollywood career by winning an Oscar at 17 for her performance in "Gaslight." She became the Golden Girl of Broadway at 41 and launched her television

career at 59 with "Murder She Wrote." To her, being sexy as an older woman has to do with your demeanor, energy, enthusiasm and excitement about life. "Because life is really exciting ... and sexy!"

## VAINO SPENCER

One of the first black female judges in the United States, Spencer, 81, is the presiding justice of the California Courts of Appeals, Second Appellate District, Division One.

Spencer, who doesn't plan to retire for another decade, says she was often

impatient with people until she was 60. "But as I've matured and grown older, I've become more tolerant. I understand that people [are] the way they are [as] a result of their life experience."

Japanese-Americans closer together as a people," Chornesky says.

In Rachel Rosenthal, Chornesky found a performance artist who struggled with choosing a career. Talented in music, dance and theater, Rosenthal is also good at math, Chornesky says. Although she chose performance art, "in choosing one discipline she was able to incorporate all of those interests," Chornesky adds.

Although some people undertaking a large-scale project like this would first seek funding from an outside source before committing



## BETTY BONE SCHIESS

Inspired by the civil rights movement and outraged by the discrimination against women, Schiess fought for women's rights in the Episcopal Church. In 1974, she won her battle to become one of the first female priests. She then

went on to become acting chaplain at both Cornell and Syracuse Universities. "I feel freer with age ... It's absolutely idiotic to suggest that people are over the hill at 65 or 75 ... society has to change."

**DOLORES HUERTA**  
Co-founder of the United Farm Workers Union, Huerta is the most prominent Mexican-American female labor leader in the United States. For more than 30 years, she has

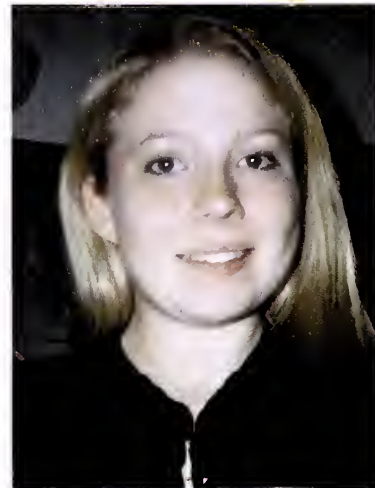
dedicated her life to the struggle for justice and dignity for migrant farm workers. "Our whole society is geared toward youth. In other cultures, older people are revered ... and taken care of," she says. "Ageism is a big issue that needs to be taken on."

the time and effort needed to continue, Chornesky initially financed the project with her own money. "It was a big risk," she says. Now, her challenge is to find a publisher for the book and raise enough money to print photos of all the women she has interviewed.

And after meeting so many accomplished women, "70 seems so young now after being around so many people ages 70 to 100," she says, with a laugh. ☒

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Incoming  
students infuse  
campus with  
energy and  
talent

# Meet the Class of 2006

*Top row, left to right:  
Ashley Liberty, Sue Chan,  
Hannah Gordon. Bottom  
row, left to right: Meira  
Abramowitz, Mariana  
Gregori. Photographs were  
taken by the students and  
their friends.*

THEY ARRIVED AT THE END OF AUGUST, eager to meet their roommates, professors and new classmates. Selected from more than 3,600 applicants, the 544 members of the Class of 2006 have a plethora of talents, interests and goals. The following are profiles of some of the new first-year students, who promise to bring distinction to themselves—and to Barnard—in the years to come.

## Ashley Liberty

**A**violinist from Gray, Maine, Ashley Liberty deferred admission to Barnard to spend a year studying at the prestigious Guildhall School of Music and Drama in London, where she further developed the talent that first revealed itself at age 4.

Ashley has been a performer as long as she can remember. By the time she was 13,

Ashley Liberty



Ashley left Maine to enroll at the Walnut Hill School, a performing arts school affiliated with the New England Conservatory of Music. Selected as the Miss Maine and the Miss National pre-teen talent winner for violin, Ashley devotes about three hours a day to practicing on her violin. In addition, she dances—ballet, jazz and tap—and sings. “I’m a performer, and very comfortable on stage,” she says. “I’ve choreographed violin routines, where I dance and play violin.”

Ashley has been given third chair in the Columbia Orchestra and plans to study violin with Isaac Malkin at the Manhattan School of Music.

Musie wasn’t the only area where Ashley’s talents made themselves known. She was class president during the eighth, ninth and 11th grades, and president of the student association as a senior. As a junior, she traveled to the Dominican Republic—sponsored by professional baseball player Sammy Sosa—during a school vacation to speak to 300 college students.

Still, as enthusiastic as she is about music and the arts, she is eager to develop other talents at college. “I want to take advantage of everything at Barnard,” Ashley says. “I love literature, and I’ve been taking Spanish for six years. It would be in my best interest to take things other than music at college.”

Whatever happens, Ashley is ready.

“If you pursue your passion, you can be successful, and successful in involving other people in what you love,” she says.

### Meira Abramowitz

As a daughter of Shira Burnstein Abramowitz ’80, and niece of Adena Burnstein ’82 and Penina Burnstein ’85, Meira Abramowitz didn’t surprise many family members when she chose to attend Barnard.

“I’d heard stories about Barnard from my mom and my aunts,” she says. “I enjoyed the visit by the Barnard representative to my high school, and enjoyed the campus a lot.”

The eldest of eight children, Meira attended the Yeshiva of Flatbush in Brooklyn. A soprano, she performed regularly with her school’s choir.

In high school, she headed a peer tutoring group and was a leader in the school’s “good friends commission,” a program designed to “make school more like your home” through simple gestures, such as giving students birthday cards, she says.

As a day school student, however, taking a demanding academic program in both regular subjects and religious ones, Meira further distinguished herself by her performance in the annual Bible contest, sponsored by an association of Orthodox Jewish day schools. A competitor since sixth grade, she made it into the nationals every year that she competed. During her junior year, she succeeded in placing in the top 10 nationally. She also participated in the Torah Bowl competition, where students answer questions on the Five Books of Moses.

In addition to focusing on her academic studies, Meira worked at a doctor’s office during high school.

With her father a hematologist/oncologist, and her mother an internist, she has entered Barnard as a pre-med student. “I’ll probably major in biology, but I’ll see what interests me,” she says. “I like that Barnard is good at getting people into medical school.”

### Hannah Gordon

Native New Yorker, Hannah Gordon has vivid memories of attending the WBAI radio crafts fair held at Columbia, and the handmade dresses that her parents, both psychologists, bought for her.

So perhaps it was a homing instinct that drew Hannah back to Barnard, after three years at Dana Hall, a boarding school in Wellesley, Mass. Or perhaps it was the influence of her best friend’s mother, Dian Goldston Smith ’68, who eagerly oversaw Hannah’s application process. What seems to have appealed most to Hannah, however, was the possibility of being at a college where she could participate in the larger world around her.

“The internship opportunities at Barnard are amazing,” she says. “And I like the idea of a liberal arts college with the resources of a university, with professors you can’t get anywhere else, in a city I love.”

Hannah, who played varsity basketball during high school on a league championship team, is also a painter, actor and writer whose ultimate ambi-





Hannah Gordon



Sue Chan



Mariana Gregori



tion is to earn a law or business degree and pursue a career in international relations.

Currently leaning towards a major in political science or history, Hannah spent a summer working in the archives at LaGuardia Community College, where she organized an exhibit on former New York City mayor, the late Abraham Beame.

During high school, Hannah was in charge of Dana Hall's peer education program, which uses older students to teach middle school students about drugs, alcohol and sex, as well as eating disorders and mental health issues. "I wanted to teach younger students," she says. "There were girls with horrible self-esteem issues, and I wanted to be a role model."

### Sue Chan

**S**y-Ying (Sue) Chan couldn't wait to become a New Yorker.

The native Southern Californian had a public relations internship at Workhouse Publicity during the summer of 2001, and was hooked. "I wanted to go to the East Coast, but hadn't narrowed my search," says Sue, who grew up in San Diego. "I was thinking about going to school in New York City. I wanted a big city, and a little more of a community. I liked how Barnard is small." Attending a Welcome Weekend last spring that encompassed Spirit Week persuaded Sue to choose Barnard.

A competitive tennis player during high school, Sue was active on the school

newspaper, which was in the top 5 nationally, according to the Journalism Education Association. She was also a junior class representative for her school council.

At Barnard, Sue plans to be active in student government and community service.

"A big reason I love New York City is that I love art, and there are so many opportunities here," Sue says. "New York City is the only place where you can live for a few months and feel like a New Yorker. It's so friendly, and there's so much to do. I'm really excited."

Although Sue is considering a major in political science or art history, her ambitions include becoming the White House press secretary, owning her own art gallery and being a restaurant owner, since she loves to cook.

### Mariana Gregori

**W**hatever Mariana Gregori embraces, she does so passionately.

At Greenwich High School, she was involved with the Diversity Awareness Club, and served as president her senior year. The club promoted diversity awareness among the students through assemblies, speakers and events, says the Rio de Janeiro native, who has lived in Greenwich, Conn., since she was 10.

"We sponsored an entire diversity awareness week at the high school," Mariana says. "It was about ethnic

diversity, religious diversity, gender diversity—everything. Greenwich is actually pretty diverse—the minority population is growing—which is why the program was a success."

Mariana also participated in the high school's peer mentoring and ABC Tutors programs, taught catechism to first graders at her Roman Catholic church and played field hockey and lacrosse. While at Barnard, Mariana plans to join the Brazilian Club, write for the *barnard bulletin* or the *Columbia Daily Spectator* and participate in Model United Nations, an organization to which she belonged during high school.

With her ultimate goal to pursue a career in international journalism or law, Mariana is leaning toward a political science major. Fluent in Portuguese and a Latin student for six years, Mariana spent last summer at the University of Salamanca in Spain to learn Spanish. She hopes to add French and Italian to her roster of languages while she's at Barnard.

The thrill is still here for Mariana.

"It's so amazing that all the courses have New York as a backdrop," she says. "We'll read *Anthony and Cleopatra*, and they'll take us to see it performed. I'm also very eager to do internships. Being in New York had a huge impact on my decision to come here." ☒

*Merri Rosenberg '78 writes frequently for Barnard magazine. Her work also appears in The New York Times and other national publications.*

# all in the family

BY RENÉE OLSON

## t hrough international adoption, families blend cultures and languages

THE STILL OF A LAZY JULY AFTERNOON is broken only by the buzz of a lawn mower, the chatter of bicyclists making their way to the beach, and the plaintive question of an 8-year-old.

"M-o-o-o-m, why are you inside?" moans LuLu Prager, as she skips through the door, wearing a summer dress and white dress shoes with flower cut-outs, bought that morning at a yard sale. "You've been inside for five hours," she says, counting them off on her fingers. While that stretches the truth a bit, she has a point. It's a gorgeous sunny day in Sag Harbor, N.Y., and her mother, Emily Prager '69, is still in the house, a comfortable whaling mate's cottage from the 1700s with a low ceiling, sloping floors and a wooden dresser in one

corner holding old photographs. Pictures of Prager's father in his Air Force uniform sit next to one of LuLu on a bike in Greenwich Village.

LuLu plops into an armchair and fills her mother in on problems she's having with her neighborhood spy group. The everyday quality of her conversation gives no hint of the significant undertaking that brought LuLu to this home: In 1994, Prager signed a pile of papers and boarded a plane bound for China to adopt LuLu when she was just 7 months old.

As a Chinese girl being raised in the United States in a non-Asian family, LuLu is hardly alone. In the small community of Sag Harbor, LuLu knows three adopted girls from Wuhu,

the region in southern China where she was born, Prager says. Nationwide, U.S. adoptions of foreign-born children have nearly tripled since the early 1990s, jumping to more than 19,000 in 2001 from just under 6,500 in 1991, according to the U.S. Secretary of State for Consular Affairs.

The popularity of adoption today is due, in part, to a move away from the secrecy that surrounded adoptions after World War II through the 1970s, and a less restrictive definition of what constitutes a family. "The rise of single motherhood and the lifting of its social stigma contribute to the rise in adoption," says Susan Caughman, publisher of *Adoptive Families Magazine*. She attributes interest in international adoption to





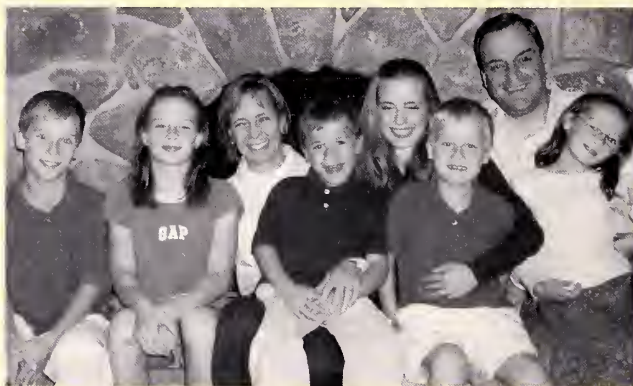




## From Russia, With Love

Days after returning from Russia, where he had scooped up Sergei, the newest member of his rapidly expanding family, Scott Evans stands in his spacious office in midtown Manhattan, shakes his head, and laughs.

"We never intended to have six kids," says Evans, an executive vice president and head of equities at TIAA-CREF, and member of Barnard's Board of Trustees.



In the early 1990s, Scott and his wife, Liz, wanted a sibling for their biological daughter, Sarah, now 15. They tried to have another child but their attempts, including in vitro fertilization, failed and they were frustrated by a number of dead ends with domestic adoption. Then they read an article in a local paper about adopting children from Russia. A few months later, "we were on a plane to Russia," Evans says.

They first adopted Vanya, 11, then Sasha, 5. Next came sisters Anna, 11, and Olya, 9, who lived in the Tomsk region of Siberia. While adopting Anna and Olya in November 2000, Scott and Liz showed a picture of Vanya to a nurse in the same orphanage.

"Sergei," she said, pointing to the picture. "Sergei." The nurse, who didn't speak English, believed that a boy in the orphanage named Sergei had to be Vanya's brother due to the resemblance. After checking records, they discovered that the nurse was right, and decided to adopt Sergei, 6.

Due to the troubled economy and a lingering stigma surrounding adoption in Russia, there are thousands of children in orphanages there, he says. Medical records, particularly for infants, are often unreliable, Evans says. "Parents need to know that children in orphanages will likely have health or emotional problems, the results of being institutionalized." Some of his children have worked with speech therapists and occupational therapists, and have received psychological counseling.

Evans says that he and his wife wouldn't have bothered with in vitro fertilization had they understood how they'd feel about their adopted children. "Having an adopted kid is absolutely no different in your heart," he says.

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whom the fees—typically \$15,000 to \$25,000 per child—are prohibitive, the recent Hope for Children Act now allows federal tax deductions for some adoption expenses.

Despite the challenge of introducing a new culture into a family, some parents opt for international adoption because it can present fewer obstacles than domestic adoption. Parents who are single or over 40 have more choices depending on the country, especially if they want to adopt infants. In addition, foreign adoptions tend to be final—unlike domestic adoptions, in which birth mothers often have the right to change their minds. "I had fears about a child being taken back," Prager says, about why a domestic adoption had little appeal to her.

When Myra Alpersen '73 was ready to become a mother, she began to research the adoption process. "I never felt I 'had' to become pregnant to become a mother, although if I had married I would have wanted to have one biological child; I often felt that I would adopt a child in any case," Alpersen says. "I was over 40 when my relationship ended, and not only did I not want to tackle a high-risk pregnancy on my own, but I also felt utterly comfortable with the idea of parenting a child who was already born and desperately needed a loving home."

At first, she considered adopting children whose parents had died after contracting AIDS. "Then I thought, 'This is too complicated. These are kids who need a full-time, two-parent family,'" Alpersen says. The next step was an appointment with an adoption consultant, who looked at her and said, "China. You're over 40. You want a healthy child. And you want to get on with your life," recalls Alpersen, author of *Dim Sum, Bagels and Grits: A Sourcebook for Multicultural Families* (Farrar, Straus &

baby boomers and a more open attitude about transracial adoption than people had 15 or even 10 years ago. High-profile international adoptions by

celebrities—Billy Bob Thornton and Angelina Jolie adopted a child from Cambodia, for example—also help spread the word. And for families for



Giroux, 2001) and *The International Adoption Handbook: How to Make an Overseas Adoption Work for You* (Henry Holt & Co., 1997).

The thought of adopting a child from China initially surprised Alperson, who had no close friends from the country. But since she'd traveled extensively, she was open to the idea and enrolled in an introductory Mandarin course at the China Institute. The agency she was working with helped her compile the necessary paperwork to send to China, where it was reviewed by the China Center on Adoption Affairs, the government agency that

eties and cultures don't really want girls." Janowitz worked with Spence-Chapin, a private adoption agency in New York, and found the agency "very supportive in helping us navigate the adoption process." Putting together the application "was basically like returning 400 shirts to 400 different stores without receipts—irritating and frustrating, but ultimately not impossible, just tedious," she says.

Foreign governments and adoption agencies have become more adept in handling adoptions in recent years. In Russia, adoption procedures became more standardized. Mary Daily, direc-

tor, the U.S. government temporarily halted some 400 adoptions in Cambodia, suspecting that some of the babies were not legitimate orphans and were being sold. In an effort to prevent illegal adoptions, 190 countries, including the United States, have signed the Hague Convention on International Adoption, which will put adoption standards into place by 2004.

Adoptive parents have many approaches to blending their culture with their adopted child's birth culture. "We want to expose them to Russian culture, but not force it," says Evans, who has adopted five children from

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oversees the adoption process within China. Her dossier was matched with Suzhou Social Welfare Institute, "a wonderful facility based in a beautiful, historic city near Shanghai," Alperson says. In 1996, Alperson traveled to China to bring 10-month-old Sadie, now 7, to the United States.

Tama Janowitz '77 and her husband, Tom Hunt, also adopted an infant from China—daughter Willow, now 7, was 9 months old when they brought her back to Brooklyn. Adopting "was the right decision because we wanted a baby and now the kid could never say, 'I didn't ask to be born and it's all your fault,'" she says. She had always wanted to adopt a girl because "around the world, most soci-

tor of social services for Adoptions From The Heart, a licensed adoption agency based in Wynnewood, Pa., that focuses on both domestic and international adoption, notices great improvement in procedures within the past 10 years. "Russia now has its own system in place to review adoption agencies from other countries," Daily says. "There's a well-worn track of very competent people between the United States and Russia," says Scott Evans, a member of Barnard's Board of Trustees and an executive vice president at TIAA-CREF, who has seen the process develop since he first adopted a child from Russia in 1994 (see "From Russia, With Love," page 28). Still, the possibility for fraud exists. Earlier this

Russia. "We are very involved with Families for Russian and Ukrainian Adoption, which provides resources and community for adoptive families," he says. "Many of these folks have become our close friends, and the frequent gatherings have helped to reinforce the normalcy of being Russian, adopted and American, all at the same time."

"I have an obligation to continue to recognize, promote and celebrate Sadie's Chinese roots," Alperson says. A playgroup that she found through friends who belonged to Families with Children from China, a network of parent support groups in the United States, Canada, and the United Kingdom, gave Sadie a chance to be with children like her. "It's important for kids to know

that there are many others like them—kids who are Chinese with non-Chinese parents (although they're not aware of the difference when they're very little)—and to have a relationship with Chinese culture, even if they don't quite understand what it is or why we're doing it," she says.

Janowitz feels strongly about Willow being bilingual, and hired a Chinese nanny for Willow when she was a toddler. "Any other language—French, Spanish, Portuguese—would have been fine but since she looks and is Chinese, that was my first choice," she says. "I was lucky to get a Chinese sitter and to find a bilingual school for Willow, where 87% of the students are Chinese."

For now, Evans says, "none of our kids have any interest in speaking Russian, except for our daughter, Sarah, who was born in the United States." However, Vanya, 11, "developed a strong desire to see Russia and especially Tomsk for himself" after Anna and Olya—who were from the same town as Vanya—joined the family in 2000, Evans says. "This summer, we were able to take him with us to Tomsk during our trip to adopt Sergei, his biological brother," he says. "It was a huge experience for him, and one that he is still digesting several months later."

Many adopted children become curious about their heritage, and often travel to their birthplace. LuLu learned about her roots in China when Prager took her daughter to her hometown in 1999 (see "Visiting," at right). Alperson, who plans to wait until Sadie is a few years older before traveling together to China, hopes that she and Sadie will eventually study Mandarin before the trip.

As with all immigrants, these adoptees will help change the country, but they'll do it from the inside. Foreign children adopted by American families



## Visiting LuLu's Hometown

"What can I promise you? That your daughter will be loved and adored? Most assuredly. That she will want for nothing? You have my word. That she will be wonderfully educated and prepared for her adulthood? To the best of my ability."

Emily Prager '69 wrote these words in 1994 in a letter she would never send to a woman she would never meet: the birth mother of LuLu, whom Prager would adopt that year from Wuhu, China.

Prager, a former actor and the author of three novels, lived in Taiwan and Hong Kong as a child when her father was an air attaché with the Air Force. She's blunt about being the mother of a child of another race, expressing exasperation at insensitive remarks people make implying that an adoptive mother isn't a "real" mother. "Having your authenticity questioned does wear you down," she says. And sometimes racial comments—such as "Your nose is bad"—are directed at LuLu, 8. "Race is still an issue in America," Prager says.

When LuLu was 5, she and Prager took a 10-week trip to Wuhu. "I was fascinated by how curious my daughter was about her identity, about the mystery of her life," says Prager, who recorded their experience in *Wuhu Diary: On Taking My Adopted Daughter Back to Her Hometown in China* (Anchor Books, 2002).

She planned the trip because "I didn't think I could give LuLu a sense of power about being Chinese. I wanted her to be in the majority and me in the minority." Calling the visit a success, Prager says, "Every time she learns more about her life, she gets calmer and happier. It filled up a cavity in her."

The influx of adoptees from China, which, due to its stringent one-child policy, now supplies the United States with many adoptees, may help change that. Prager notes that while China will face a shortage of adult women in the future, the United States will have "a swelling population of Chinese females in positions of wealth and power."

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are now U.S. citizens the minute their feet hit American soil, according to the Child Citizenship Act of 2000, which went into effect in February 2001. "We landed at the airport with [newly adopted 6-year-old son] Sergei in August," Evans says, explaining the immigration procedure. "And we see this big, bald guy who looks like Kojak with a gun that would make Dirty Harry blush. He calls out 'Sergei Evans.' We go to him and he bends over and reaches down with his huge hand to shake Sergei's and says, 'Welcome.

You're an American citizen now.'"

As the world continues to shrink, the intimate connections these adoptees have with multiple cultures may, in fact, make them quite feel at home in a global society. As Alperson says, "My daughter is Chinese. But she's also herself inside. And that's a lot of things. She's Chinese. She's Jewish. She's Upper West Side. And whatever other decisions she might ultimately make." ☒

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# FEMALE RABBIS: THOSE RADICAL AND REBELLIOUS REVOLUTIONARIES

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ALUMNAE DEFIED STEREOTYPES AND CHALLENGED THE STATUS QUO

**S**ome girls grow up playing house or playing doctor, but not Ellen Wolintz-Fields '94. She played rabbi. Her desire to be a leader of Jewish religious life carried her through her years at Barnard and on to the Jewish Theological Seminary of America and now to her position as leader of Congregation Beth Judea in Long Grove, Ill.

While the words "female rabbi" still have a novel ring to them, Wolintz-Fields is in good company with her fellow Barnard alumnae, many of whom had similar dreams of leading a congrega-

tion, a Jewish community center or college Hillel program. Indeed, more than 10 Barnard alumnae from the 1990s have pursued rabbinical studies—many as part of the double-degree program started in 1979 between Barnard and the Jewish Theological Seminary, the theological institution for the American Conservative movement.

Their predecessors had a much different experience, and perhaps it's a sign of progress that a young girl would include rabbi on her list of aspirations. Like medicine and the law, the

rabbinate was deemed off limits for women of their generations, and Barnard's trailblazing alumnae faced resistance and the message that they should get married and stay at home with their children. "I've often had to defend what I do," says Rabbi Amy Wallk Katz '83, adult learning coordinator of the



RABBI JOANNA SAMUELS '92



RABBI HELENE REINER FERRIS '59

Central Agency for Jewish Education in Overland Park, Kan., "but at this point people are definitely more used to it."

Rabbi Helene Reiner Ferris '59, who was a stay-at-home mother before attending seminary, recalls the reaction of the dean when she arrived in Jerusalem in the mid-1970s—with her kids in tow—to pursue her studies. "He said, 'Oh, you're that crazy lady I

ordained as a rabbi in the country.

The most common word that female rabbis who attended Barnard use to describe their alma mater is "empowering."

"Barnard gave me tools to keep my voice," says Rabbi Joanna Samuels '92, spiritual leader of Congregation Habonim, a Conservative synagogue in Manhattan. "I got a great education and I learned the tools to operate in a man's world. It's really important for women going into a traditionally male environment to have a great support system and to look at things with an eye attuned to larger structural forces."

While the empowerment Barnard provided aided them on their paths, at times it became a challenge unto itself. As Rabbi Joy Levitt '75, associate executive director at the Jewish Community Center in Manhattan, says, "the irony is that

when you go to Barnard you think the world is yours. I never knew women couldn't be rabbis. I didn't know women couldn't do anything." When Levitt graduated and went to Jewish Theological Seminary asking for an application, she was shocked at the response she got. "The woman looked at me like I was from another planet," Levitt says. "It was the first time anyone told me there was something I couldn't do." The Reform Hebrew Union College ordained the first female rabbi in 1972; the Jewish Theological Seminary ordained the first Conservative female rabbi in 1985.

Like many female rabbis, Levitt was raised Conservative. She attended the Reconstructionist Rabbinical College in Philadelphia, which began admitting women in 1969, the year after it opened. While it may seem somewhat of a sacrifice to leave the Jewish denomination of one's family

background and upbringing, many rabbis credit this change with helping them find an affiliation closer to their own philosophical beliefs. Rabbi Sharon Kleinbaum '81, leader of Congregation Beth Simchat Torah in Manhattan, which has the largest gay and lesbian congregation in the world, is a case in point. She grew up Conservative, attended an Orthodox yeshiva for high school, was ordained at Reconstructionist Rabbinical College and is now a Reform rabbi. For her and other lesbian rabbis, the choice of seminaries is limited, as the Conservative seminary doesn't admit



RABBI SHARON KLEINBAUM '81

heard about," recalls Ferris, now rabbi of Temple Israel in Croton-on-Hudson, N.Y.

Crazy, radical, rebellious. All of these words have been used to describe the Barnard graduates pursuing this unique career path—about 35 out of the nearly 350 female rabbis in the United States. In fact, Rabbi Rebecca Trachtenberg Alpert '71, co-director of women's studies at Temple University in Philadelphia, was one of the first six women



RABBI JOY LEVITT '75



gays and lesbians who are “out.”

Others, such as Stacey Fruen Goldman '94, a self-proclaimed “rabbinical school drop out,” have moved toward Orthodoxy. Goldman has decided that living as an Orthodox woman and mother meant leaving the seminary behind. “Ironically, it was my feminist indoctrination at Barnard that helped me become Orthodox,” says Goldman, who was raised Conservative. “Before, I had this notion that men and women were the same except women had babies. Then I saw the difference between men and women and that really helped me in terms of Orthodox Judaism where those differences are appreciated.”

No matter with which Jewish denomination they are affiliated, there are a few key points they all share: most notably a dedication to social justice and a talent for being in front of people. Levitt says she saw rabbinical work as a way to “combine my civil justice calling and desire to teach.” Twenty years later, Rabbi Mira Wasserman '93, rabbi at Congregation Beth Shalom in Bloomington, Ind., shares that sentiment. “During my time at Barnard I was an advocate for the homeless,” Wasserman says. “I saw being a rabbi as a way to bring together my commitment to social justice issues and the academic study of Judaism.”

As spiritual leaders, these alumnae provide invaluable compassion and guidance in this turbulent time to their congregants and students, and the example they set will no doubt inspire more young women in more places to become rabbis. ☒

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## THE RABBI'S HUSBAND

“You know what they call the husband of the rabbi?” asks Rabbi Ellen Wolintz-Fields '94, leader of Congregation Beth Judea in Long Grove, Ill. “Lucky—lucky because they have a partner who is caring and listening, one who is there for people.” And those rabbis, in turn, are lucky if they have a husband or partner who is supportive of them.

“My husband loves what I do and is very proud of it,” says Rabbi Amy Wallk Katz '83, adult learning coordinator of the Central Agency for Jewish Education in Overland Park, Kan.

But while these women are strong, they face the all-too-common struggle of having a career while raising children. Wallk Katz, who has three children, ages 8, 3 and 1, says she decided to work in education rather than pursue a pulpit because of the enormity of that commitment.

The challenges of raising a family have led many rabbis to make this sort of choice. All see being a rabbi as a lifelong commitment, and those who have chosen more 9-to-5 positions did so in part because they didn't want to accept the trade-offs of having a more demanding job.

**“It takes a strong man to accept a partner who is in any way an authority figure or in the public eye.”**

Rabbi Joy Levitt '75, who has five kids ages 15 to 26, left congregational life partly because “it's a 24/7 life and I made the sacrifice to be with my kids more.” Levitt, associate executive director at the Jewish Community Center in Manhattan, also notes that “it's very complicated being a rabbi's child. Rabbi parents have to be able to say ‘don't associate Judaism with your parents never being home or putting other people's problems before yours.’”

As these kids get older, they're bound to rebel. “You can't control your kids' belief systems, but hope that they're willing to struggle in the context of Judaism,” Levitt says. Rabbi Rebecca Trachtenberg Alpert '71 and her husband, also a rabbi, have seen their children, now 18 and 20, take different paths. While her daughter is active in Jewish life, her son “is a flaming agnostic,” says Alpert, co-director of women's studies at Temple University in Philadelphia.

For those who are still searching for their soul mates, finding someone who is comfortable with their work isn't easy. “It takes a strong man to accept a partner who is in any way an authority figure or in the public eye,” says Rabbi Joanna Samuels '92, spiritual leader of Congregation Habonim in Manhattan. In fact, although she has a serious boyfriend, some of her congregants still try to fix her up with eligible Jewish men. Rabbinical student Ilana Garber '00 has had the same experience. “When I've counseled people who are dying, they've rolled over and said, ‘Can I give you someone's number?’” she says.

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**O**ne of the most precious aspects of a Barnard education is our global networking of interesting, intelligent women. Listed on these pages are regional representatives and the presidents of alumnae clubs who are dedicated to fostering the Barnard Connection across the United States and around the world. If you live, work or attend school in their region, and would like more information about Barnard events or opportunities for volunteering, please get in touch with them.

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# CLASS NOTES

**19** Paul Goldman, the grandson of **May Hoffman Goldman**, sent in the sad news that his grandmother died in August at 105. An obituary appears on page 64.

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**23** Jill Holmquist writes that her aunt, **Anna Martin Kramer**, is 104 years old and living at Meese Manor in Dunedin, Fla. Anna taught French and Latin most of her life at various high schools in New York. A devoted and determined teacher, Anna was well-liked by her students; many kept in touch with her after her retirement. Anna was also involved with organizations, including the March of Dimes campaign, the Red Cross and the Oneonta Business Women's Club. Anna and her husband, Ernest, didn't have any children, but helped raise her younger brother, Jay. Leslie Kipp, goddaughter of **Katherine Kerrigan**, called to let us know that Katherine turns 100 in October and is alive and well in Waverly, N.Y.

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**27** The daughter of **Felicia Marie Sterling Dauterman** writes with the sad news of her mother's passing in January 2001. "She lived in New York for more than 90 years, and enjoyed attending Barnard reunions. In 1992 she made a memorial contribution to Barnard in honor of her sister, Dr. Eunice Sterling Waters '29. These two Barnard graduates have been a source of inspiration and a tremendous force in the ongoing education of my two sisters, myself and Felicia's five grandchildren.

At Barnard, Felicia majored in math and minored in chemistry. After graduation she attended art school at the University of

Denver and the School of Architecture at the University of Illinois, where she also earned a graduate degree in library science. She then became an apprentice at the Newark Museum's groundbreaking program for training museum professionals, and continued her graduate studies at New York University's Institute of Fine Arts. She studied Latin, French, German and Italian, and continued to speak French and German even in the last weeks of her life.

The scope of her professional career in museums and libraries was expansive. For her work with Japanese sword guards at the Cooper Union Museum (now the Smithsonian's Cooper Hewitt), the Nippon Society made her an honorary member in the 1940s. In the registrar's department at the Metropolitan Museum of Art, she orchestrated wartime negotiations on international loans to the Museum. She provided many articles to the *Encyclopedia Americana* and was a founding member of the American Ceramic Circle. She worked as a librarian with the Picture Collection at the New York Public Library at 42nd Street, ran an innovative after-school program for children at the Donnell branch in the 1950s and directed the library for a new nursing school program at Mount Sinai Hospital.

During her retirement, she distinguished herself as a docent at the National Academy of Design and the Metropolitan Museum."

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**29** We mourn the loss of the following classmates, dear to our hearts. **Sybil Phillips** passed away in July. She had an active life as a lawyer, and her accomplishments made the class very proud. We also found out that **Albertrie Gahen Becker** died in November 2001.

Lois Buxbaum Schenck '63 wrote to inform us of the death of her mother, **Miriam (Myra) Kanter Buxbaum**. Myra, who taught French, lived in New York until she moved to a retirement community in Baltimore in 1995. A lifetime Francophile,

she died on Bastille Day, July 14.

We also learned of the death of **Bessie Bergner Sherman**, who passed away in August. Her daughter, Joan Sherman Freilich '63, writes, "When I was a child, my mother taught me 'the Barnard song,' which she said her classmates used to sing. It begins: 'There is a college on Broadway, and there we go most every day, to study hard and frolic fast, until our college days are past.' As she lost strength in recent months, it still gave her pleasure to sing this song along with me."

To all their families, we send our heartfelt condolences. We will miss our dear friends.

On a happier note, **Edith Spivack**, who was honored in August at Columbia Law School with the Lawrence A. Wien Prize for Social Responsibility. Edith graduated in 1932 from the law school and worked in the New York City Law Department for more than 68 years. Her accomplishments on behalf of the city include negotiating tax settlements with companies such as Consolidated Edison and Penn Central Railroad. In her years of service, Edith served on many bar committees, including acting as first chair of the New York County Lawyers' Association Women's Rights Committee, and addressed discriminatory legal and economic practices affecting women and female lawyers.

Edith also received an honorary Doctor of Laws degree from St. John's University and Columbia University's Alumni Association Medal. Much congratulations to Edith on behalf of the Class of 1929!

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**31** Cameron Koblish writes that his mother, **Virginia (Ginny) Samson Koblish** is "remarkably well" and living with his family in Morristown, N.J., in the home that she and her late husband, Merle, built almost 50 years ago. Cameron reports that Ginny is well enough to garden and travel to her other home in Chatham, Mass. Ginny has very fond memories of her years at Barnard and still wears her



Barnard watch, class ring and bear necklace. She continued her passion for education even after retiring from teaching at 71, taking history and sociology courses at nearby Fairleigh Dickinson University.

I report with sorrow the loss of **Louise Taylor** and **Helene Blanchard Weintraub**. Louise died in November 2001. Helene Blanchard Weintraub passed away in April. I last saw Helene at our 70th Reunion last year. She was enthusiastic about the Reunion and enjoyed attending events. Helene is survived by her son, Bill Weintraub, and her sister, Beverly Barnett. Our deepest sympathies go out to their families and friends.

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**32** We are saddened to announce the death of **Marguerite Kramer Lewis**, who passed away in April. Marguerite was active in the Greek Games. She will be missed by both family and friends.

**Ethel Greenfield Booth** wrote a lovely letter correcting the age that she was widowed, which was reported as 53 in the Summer issue. She was 45 (see Letters on page 2). Ethel is featured in the 70 Up project (see article on page 20).

I became a great-grandmother this summer. I'm sure there are other members of the Class of 1932 who can proudly mention this achievement.

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**33** We report with great sadness the passing of two classmates's spouses. **Gena Tenney Phenix's** husband Philip, died in July at 88. Philip, the Arthur I. Gates Professor Emeritus of Philosophy and Education at Teachers College, wrote eight books, many of which were translated into several languages. **Frances Wiener Krasnow's** husband, Bernard, passed away in May. A 1932 graduate of Columbia, he was the nephew of Frances Krasnow '17.

We also send condolences to the family and friends of **Helen Phelps Bailey**, who passed away in May. Her obituary appears on page 64.

**Elinor Coleman Guggenheimer,**

who graces this issue's cover, is featured in the 70 Up project (see article on page 20).

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**34** **Elizabeth Lehman O'Neill** wrote a very enthusiastic letter about the Barnard Summit. She still lives in Rochester, N.Y., and at 88 is active in her church and AAUW.

We report with sadness the loss of **Rita Brereton Simms** and **Jeane Meehan Bucciarelli**. Rita's son, James, informed us that Rita passed away in July 1998. Jeane died in December 2000. Our thoughts go to their family and friends.

**Catherine Strateman Sims Boman** sent us her first letter! After earning her Ph.D. from Columbia in history in 1937, she taught at the Women's College of the University of North Carolina and Agnes Scott College for about 20 years. In 1960, Catherine moved to Istanbul to serve as the operating administrator of the American College for Girls. The school was founded in the late 19th century with the approval of the Sultan to educate the daughters of the Christian minorities, Greeks and Armenians.

Catherine completed her contract there in 1963. She returned for a year to the faculty of Agnes Scott College, then became dean of the faculty of Sweet Briar College. The president at that time was Anne Gary Taylor '31.

Catherine has been active in Atlanta in community activities and has lectured on current and historical topics. She was elected to Phi Beta Kappa at Barnard, served on the Senate for many years and was national president in the 1980s.

In 1939 Catherine married Roff Sims, Jr., of Atlanta. They were married for 49 years. He had retired from his profession as a banker and they moved to Turkey and Virginia. Catherine never retired but gave up full-time employment in 1974, and she and Roff returned to Atlanta. Roff died in 1988. Catherine married John Harris Boman, Jr., in 1997. He died in September 2001. In 1989, Catherine spent one year as the interim Dean of Agnes Scott College. She writes, "It has been a long, happy life and I hope yours has been the same."

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**35** About the only news that I have for you this time is that I'm moving from a big five-bedroom house to a two-bedroom apartment, in an independent living facility and I will have many conveniences that I do not have at present. My new address is below. Maybe you can let me know how you are all getting along.

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**36** In spite of my pleas, no one sent me any news, so I must assume that you are all well, too busy enjoying yourselves to sit down at your desk or computer, and none of your families has had any momentous event occur.

My dear ones, if you want to read news of our class, you must write (or e-mail) me and give me some. Otherwise, you don't need a class correspondent.

I was saddened to learn of our loss of **Barbara Edwards Lyng** in April and **Clementene (Tina) Walker Wheeler** in October 2001.

I knew Barbara well in the early 1940s, when I was a new mother and a widow. She got in touch with me for both reasons when she lost her husband suddenly, then found herself pregnant, and very much in need of a friend. I remember finding her a doctor (my own) and sharing her joy at the safe delivery of a daughter. After she moved to Florida and remarried we lost touch, but her name brings back memories of sharing those difficult years when we both had to learn to remake our lives.

Tina Wheeler is responsible for one of the best months of my life. She lived in London for a number of years, and once sent word to Class Notes that she would enjoy hosting classmates there. We had often worked together on Reunion committees. I took her up on the invitation and had a ball "living in London" with her. It was then that I came to really know this intrepid woman who, despite the early loss of both son and husband, had made a productive life for herself. She was involved with the UN Association, and in various volunteer activities on behalf of the needy in her adopted city, and I will always remember her generous sharing of her busy days.

Our condolences go to Barbara's daughter and her family, as well as Tina's

family. Our class is made poorer by their loss.

The first draft of my new book is done and the editing is about to begin. If all goes well and I'm still around to work with my great editor, Judy Geary, we hope to have it ready for publication next year. Keep your fingers crossed.

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**38** It's a red-hot summer day as I send in these notes. And it's a red-hot issue with two letters from classmates. **Janice Wormser Litt** sounds cheerful even as she reports a fractured arm and seven other nasty repair surgeries. This has cut off her golf playing for the moment, but she still keeps busy with bridge, church, Scrabble, dominoes, books and TV. She even manages to swim with her arm in a cast, and she is still planning that 50th wedding anniversary party. Get well soon, and back on the golf course, Janice.

**Mary-Elizabeth Lawler Lynyak** sends news from her home in Nova Scotia that she has a new great-granddaughter, Sophie Grace Strombom. I hope Sophie will be enrolling in the Barnard Class of 2020! Mary is working hard to protect her beautiful little hamlet in Digby Neck from the "development" of a quarry. Good luck, Mary.

Sadly, I also have received notice that two of our classmates have died; **Julia Christensen Mercer** in January and **Betty Scott Coulter** in April. We send our condolences to their families and friends.

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**39** **Elizabeth Stengel De Witt** writes for a resident's magazine at Francis Asbury Manor, an assisted living residence two blocks from the beach in Ocean Grove, N.J. She enjoys *Barnard* magazine very much. Her husband died a year ago; they had lived together for 12 years.

After her husband died two years ago, **Vivien Garfinkel Warren** moved to Lincoln Towers in New York. She works as

a volunteer in the Library for the Performing Arts and traveled to Turkey in the spring.

Our hearts go out to **Elaine Hildenbrand Mueser**, whose daughter, Dr. Anne Marie Mueser, died in February of pancreatic cancer.

There are 40 different spellings of her name, says **Martha Krehbiel Lane**. She has a grandson in the Air Force in Afghanistan. She has 15 grandchildren and 17 great-grandchildren! Her son and daughter and their families live in Charlotte, N.C., a short ride away from the Charlotte Retirement Complex, where **Jean Morris Loughlin** and her husband Edwin live. Jean and Edwin returned to the States after living in South Africa for 40 years. One daughter and three grandchildren are still in Johannesburg. Jean says **Phyllis Cross Shea** lives in a retirement community in Hightstown, N.J.

**Janet Younker Willen** says she's "sort of moseyin' along and staying out of trouble."

**Josephine Trostler Steinhauser** helped her husband celebrate his 60th reunion at Princeton. He is with Southeast Airlines. They were in the parade and had a great time. The class members wore white gloves. One hand wore a glove with a "4," the other hand said "2."

We were sorry to learn of the death of **Jean Hollander Rich** in May.

**Paula Kassell** is working on publishing articles she wrote in a book next year. Stay tuned for the title. Her granddaughter just graduated *magna cum laude* from Connecticut College. Paula had a second hip replacement June 6, and is "making a very good recovery." She had the other hip replaced 15 years ago; five years ago, she had one of her knees replaced. "I do have one of my own knees!"

**Antoinette Vaughn Wagner** and her husband, Gil, celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary in January. Congratulations!

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**40** This time, alas, there are two deaths to report. **Katherine Dimelow Fichtmueller** passed away in November 2001. She is survived by her daughter, Mary Longman. **Anne Richard Davidson** died in April. She is survived by her three

children: Dr. Richard Davidson, Anne Elizabeth Taylor Kidder and Jane Stewart Davidson Kopp. The class sends deepest sympathy to their families.

**Nanette Hodgman Hayes** phoned to report on a visit she made to **Helen Fabricant Saidel** in Lyons, Colo. We told you about Helen's interesting career last time. It was fun hearing from Nanette, but she is the only classmate we did hear from. That is why these notes are so brief. If you want more news you must send me some! I look forward to hearing from many of you!

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**41** This is Jane speaking again. We hope you're not too confused by the switch from one correspondent to another. Athena takes it for two issues and I do the next two. We are on very good speaking terms, so if you send your news to one it will find its way to the other, if need be.

Athena had the pleasure in June of a visit from her sister, Clytia Capraro Chambers '42, who came from California to attend her 60th Reunion. I'm sure it was a welcome break from all the renovations she is supervising at her house.

An appeal for news brought several rueful comments about "enjoying" the heat. **Doris Williams Yankee** "enjoyed" the heat in Lake Forest, Ill. Hopefully everyone has now recovered from a sizzling summer.

We extend our sympathy for the unexpected death of Edward Meier, **Jean Egelhof Meier's** husband, in Vero Beach, Fla., this May. They had celebrated 58 years of marriage. What a wonderful treasure of memories! We also extend our thoughts and condolences to **Victoria Hughes Reiss**, whose son, Tom, passed away in August.

**Marguerite (Peggy) Binder Zamaitis** says that she is "adapting to a new apartment and to living in a retirement community." I'm sure there are many of us who can relate to that situation. Her new address is: 215 Mill Creek, Pompton Plains, NJ 07444.

This past May **Alice Drury Mullins** wrote of a wonderful family reunion with their son Ross' family at the graduation of granddaughter Sandra from Duke University. Since Ross' family lives in Madrid, Spain, this was very special. A few months ago, Alice called them and found only



daughter-in-law Maria at home in Madrid. Ross was in Moscow, grandson Robert, who works in London, was in Yugoslavia, Sandra was at Duke and Jessica was celebrating her 15th birthday with a group from her Madrid school in China —five family members on three continents and in five countries!

**Judy Johnson Snyder** shared a long letter from **Pat Lambdin Moore** telling of the demise of a wonderful ancient maple tree that was estimated to be more than a century old. It had shaded the front of their home in Old Greenwich, Conn. In March or April, the wind caused it to fall on their house, damaging the roof, 25% of the rafters, windows, shingles, lights, iron grillwork, flagstones, steps and one wall of a bedroom. Even the car was severely damaged. They were so fortunate that the enormous trunk cleared the house, as they were sitting right in line with the tree. Even so, two months of exhausting work left them with a need for awnings, after the loss of the maple's shade, and the landscaping, which of course was not insured, will have to wait as they try to catch their breath after this ordeal. Apparently carpenter ants were the culprits, having eaten half the interior of the trunk from 2 feet below ground to 2 feet above.

This is a somewhat briefer column than before, but several of you are planning trips and we'll be counting on hearing reports upon your return home. Also, the mini-reunion in September should bring us more news.

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Kirsten Beck	Michelle Beck '04
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Rosalind Gottlieb	Felice Gottlieb '05
Sheera Hopkins	Aviva Hopkins '03
Beth Horwitz	Judith Horwitz '03
Mariel Lifshitz	Alissa Lifshitz '04
	<i>daughter of Maxine Rosman Lifshitz '63</i>
Deborah Mann	Ilana Mann '03
Xiao Kun Mei	Bi-Nu Mei '04
Hannah Munger	Amelia Munger '03
Dena Roth	Elana Roth '03
Christina Sardinas	Maria Sardinas '04
Natalie Sears	Victoria Sears '03
Emily Shaw	Elizabeth Shaw '03
Elana Slobodien	Sarah Slobodien '03
Debra Wolf '05	Amanda Wolf '03

### ALUMNA SISTERS

Luna Alamar	Sura '95 and Nada Alamar '00
Christine Chen	Karin Chen '02
Mychal Feingold	Soo Feingold '98
Leah Ginsburg	Aliza Ginsburg '02
Susan Greenbaum	Bess Greenbaum '00
Neela Jain	Sonal Jain '02
Dina Kalnicki	Miriam Kalnicki '00
Yumi Lam	Rika Lam Hayashi '01
Ellen Langer	Myriam Langer '97
Cherry Li	Christine '00 and Candice Li '01
Puja Modi	Prachi Modi '01
Shanshan Qi	Marialisa Ascione Lambert '85
Elise Serbaroli	Adrienne Serbaroli '02
	<i>granddaughter of Agnes Cassidy Serbaroli '40</i>

### DAUGHTERS

Meira Abramowitz	Shira Burnstein Abramowitz '80
Rebecca Chilowicz	Karen David-Chilowicz '72
Karen Farnighetti	Jerilyn Seife Farnighetti '68
Emily Gerstell	Phyllis Heisler Gerstell '73
Rachel Gold	Gail Abramson Gold '77
Elana Jaffe	Janie Trencher Jaffe Perlstein '76
Michelle Kaplan	Idida Abramovsky Kaplan '76
Mira Krivoshey	Goldie Shabad '68
Hannah McKee-Kennedy	Nancy McKee '66
Esther Mittelman	Sheba Ginzberg Mittelman '75
Ashley Reilly	Janet Steiner Reilly '75
Molly Schwartz	Nella Shapiro '68
Leora Skolnik	Robin Segal Skolnik '76
Samantha Solmonson	Leslie Morgan Solmonson '77
Nicole Torres	Sandra Trujillo '75
Rebecca Wolinsky	Naomi Friedman Wolinsky '70
Shira Zinberg	Elaine Greenberg Zinberg '77
	<i>granddaughter of Rona Jungreis Greenberg '54</i>

### GRANDDAUGHTERS

Dana Bienenfeld	Hadassah Usdan Bienenfeld '56
Stephanie Bostic	Mary Ann McNeil Henderson '53
Lauren Clark	Hazel Frost Clark '42
Kristina Janson	Margaret Calhoun Janson '36
Lisa Marx	Helen Sohn Marx '28
Shulamit Taubes	Renah Hyman Taubes '57

### GREAT-GRANDDAUGHTERS

Gillian Wolff	Blanche Reitlinger Wolff 1905
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there, so that a mini-reunion could be arranged—possibly around the Boca Raton and Palm Beach area.

We learned from **Louise Salet Cameron** that **Marjorie Tully Wiedenhorn** passed away in June. Our condolences go to Marjorie's two sons, Robert and James, and her daughter, Maryjane Garnett, as well as two grandchildren, Andrew and Martha Garnett. Louise was a close friend of Marjorie through all the years since Barnard freshmen days and treasured Marjorie's companionship. Marjorie was associated with Westchester Community College as librarian for 21 years, and the College honored Marjorie by bestowing upon her the title of Professor Emerita.

We have a progress report on our classmates who fell just before our 60th Reunion and had to cancel at the last

minute: **Eleonora Boggiano**, who injured her ribs, has recovered entirely. **Eleanor Webb Carnie**, who broke several bones in her foot, is confined to a wheelchair and is frustrated that she can't get around.

We have also heard that **Cornelia (Peggy) Elliott Wayburn** died in March. She was living in San Francisco, and when we last heard from her she had been an author and a photographer. She is survived by her husband, Edgar, three daughters and a son.

Our new co-correspondent, **Barbara Heinzen Colby**, was recently honored at an impressive ceremony at the Central Intelligence Agency. She received the Director's Award for more than 50 years of service to the Agency. In particular, she helped establish the Family Advisory Board and was instrumental in getting legisla-

**42** Former class president **Virginia (Gini) Rogers Cushing** and husband, Ben, continued their tradition of visiting with classmates as they travelled to their summer place in Maine. En route, they enjoyed a stopover with **Helen Baker Cushman** and her husband in New Jersey, and had a good visit with **Dr. Ellen Jiroudek** at her home in Staten Island. Gini notes that these days the Staten Island ferry is free! In our day, the ride cost five cents and was a bargain date!

We'd like to hear from classmates who plan on wintering in Florida or reside

tion passed that provides financial assistance to former Agency spouses. In addition, a scholarship fund has been established in her name to assist high school seniors with college if a parent is a CIA employee.

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**43** Mary (Molly) Bradford Roth has been so kind as to let us know about **Margaret (Peggy) Jackson McComas'** angioplasty and stent in February. Peggy attended her grandson's wedding in South Dakota in August.

We learned more about the life of **Peggy (Cornelia) Elliott Wayburn**, who died in March. She had been active in environmental concerns since graduation. In 2001, she received prestigious accolades for her lifetime of service to the Sierra Club, the Wilderness Society and other environmental groups. Her contributions were mainly through her photography and writings. She co-authored *Alaska: The Great Land*, the inspiration for the passage of the Alaska National Interest Conservation Act of 1980 (the largest public lands bill in the history of Congress). She was also active in establishing the Point Reyes National Seashore in 1962, the Redwood National Park in 1968 and the Golden Gate National Recreation Area in 1972. She left her love of the wilderness as a legacy to her children and grandchildren, who are following in her footsteps.

We also send our thoughts to **Lillian Margolin Siskin**, former president of the Barnard Club in Israel, on the loss of her husband, Edgar, in December. Edgar was a rabbi and anthropologist and published author who taught at Yale and Northwestern.

**Elizabeth Elwyn Cadbury-Brown**, who started with our class but transferred to Columbia for an architecture degree, died in March, noted in *The Independent* (London). She is survived by her husband, H.P. (Jim) Cadbury-Brown. She and I were especially good friends.

**Lucette Sanders Dix**, along with **Frances Donnellon Updike** and her sister Mary Donnellon Blohm '41, and **Flora Benas**, got together in Skaneateles,

N.Y., in August. Good for them!

My own vacation was in Fairfax, Va., with grandchildren Jeffrey and Becky Chen, while their father and mother were Australia for two weeks. I had a long, pleasant talk and lunch with Louise Woolfolk Chesnut '42 and her husband. Carl Relyea and his daughter, Cornelia, also visited me in Lexington, so I've seen photos of **Gretchen Relyea Hannan's** grandchildren and heard of her trip to Nova Scotia.

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**44** This week I lunched with Carlyle Miller Otto '45, whom you heard in the choir if you attended noon services at St. Paul's Chapel. Leaving Kansas City more than 10 years ago, she designed her Staunton home, acted as contractor for its construction and has now completed plans for the landscaping details. This summer she drew up specifications for two sets of spiral steps, cut (yes, with a circular saw) and put the forms in place and was awaiting delivery of the cement when we met. Dissuaded by lack of encouragement years ago from becoming a female architect, Carlyle nevertheless found the means to pursue her interest and develop her skills, exemplifying the spirit in women that is no longer quelled as readily as once was the case. Until recently she was director and organizer for a church choir in Lexington, Va.

We've been reminded in recent issues of this magazine of the mettle and multiple talents of **Audrey Brown Bollet**, who died last year. From **Shirley Sexauer Harrison** comes additional information about Audrey, who was a distinguished medical researcher: "Did you know," asked Shirley, "Audrey was a talented painter who exhibited her work ... and was an accomplished pianist?"

"Audrey taught history in the New York City public schools for several years. But she tackled organic chemistry in a summer session at Columbia and went on to study medicine. Early in her academic career, she focused on newborn physiology and became an internationally recognized expert on neonatal neurological disorders. She originated the aggressive use of penicillin to prevent deaths from infection of infants with sickle cell anemia, but when colleagues finally acknowledged her method, she refused to participate in clinical trials because she knew that some of

her patients would be given placebos."

In addition to the Neonatal Landmark Award the American Academy of Pediatrics awarded to Audrey posthumously, other honors Shirley listed are the Commemorative Medallion of the College of P&S (1967), the award for Distinguished Voluntary Leadership from the March of Dimes (1989) and the Recognition Award for a Distinguished Career in Clinical Investigation from Columbia-Presbyterian Hospital (1992).

"We remember Audrey as chair of Honor Board," concluded Shirley, "and she carried that code into her life."

Shirley's life is about to change significantly; plans are underway for her and her husband to move to Madison, Wis., where their daughter's family lives. The North Country is not unknown to the Harrisons due to past visits, including cabin-living this summer with assorted relatives in the Minnesota woods. It's likely that her husband's back surgery in May excused him from sharing portaging with his teen grandchildren. The Harrisons' sons and daughter pitched in during Dave's recovery period but their mom (grateful as she was for the help) commented that "it is not easy living with your 40-year-old son who hasn't lived with you for 20 plus years." We know, Shirley!

Those of you familiar with the New York City cultural scene may have been fortunate in August to view the third one-woman exhibit of fabric collages created by **Eugenie Alter Propp**, this one at Gorney Bravin + Lee on West 26th Street. The color photos of some of the displays are "exquisite," a term I borrowed from the accompanying text. From bits and pieces of lace, scraps of satin and silk, brocade, embroidery and much more Eugenia configured collages that delight the eye and set you to wondering about the source of the materials as well as the meaning of the imagery. Some small, some large as three-panel screens, the pictures conveyed to me a sense of celebration along with awe for the creator's patience and the exacting nature of the technique. The *joie de vivre* emanating from the pieces is a tribute to Eugenie's spirit inasmuch as she and her father left Europe at the time of the Holocaust accompanied by the attendant sorrows. Their decision for her to attend Barnard, she has said, proved to be a good one.

Someone I've always ranked second to Shirley as "the consummate New Yorker" is **Carol Ruskin Farhi**, who died recent-



ly. Her full life encompassed four children, husband, Jean-Pierre, and an impressive professional career. For four years Carol was an attorney in the Israeli Ministry of Justice and went on to American Home Products, where she was senior attorney upon retirement. As late as 1993 she opened an office for private practice, specializing in elder law. Carol, truly loyal to Barnard, attended mini- and college Reunions faithfully. Could the daughter, sister and mother of Barnard graduates do otherwise? She started paving the way to pass the torch to her granddaughter to represent the fourth generation soon after Talia was born in the 1980s!

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thoughts to Joan and all of the family.

**Nanette Newell Cerisoles**, who resides in North Palm Beach, Fla., will be in France with her husband, René, this fall, starting in Nice, then on to Corsica and then Paris. Her daughter will be joining her in Paris for a few days. Life in Florida is quiet. Nanette writes, "The snowbirds have returned to their northern nests. I like it this way." Nanette also informed me of the death of her son-in-law, Richard Edis, the late husband of her daughter, Genevieve. Richard died in London after a long and painful illness. He had a remarkable career as British Ambassador in Mozambique, Tunisia, and Algeria. Nanette was with Genevieve to try to help at this time of suffering.

Please, you grand readers of our class notes, could you send your news and thoughts for our next column?!

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**45** Former class president **Annette Kaicher** informed us of the death of **Dare Reid Turenne**, who passed away in September in Vina del Mar, Chile, after a courageous battle with cancer.

After graduating from Barnard, Dare attended the Walsh School of Foreign Service at Georgetown University and was assigned to the American Embassy in Santiago, Chile. She met and married a handsome Chilean naval officer, Rodolfo Turenne, and raised a large family in Chile. Dare was an accredited bridge player and represented Chile on their national team at a championship event in Lima, Peru, two years ago. The Turennes traveled to Europe every year and stopped in New York on their return. In the past 15 years her husband, Rodolfo, made sure they were in New York for class reunions and for many of the annual mini-reunions. Annette writes, "He knew how special Barnard was to Dare. We adopted him as an unofficial member of the class."

Our condolences and thoughts go out to Dare's family and friends.

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**47** Thank you, Betty for all the good work you have done for many years! Hope I do half as well! Let me also add my many thanks to those who helped with Reunion. As you know, it is not a two-woman effort, but a team venture and your help was much appreciated by Marguerite and me.

On to the news: **Nancy Cahen** continues to teach Spanish at the C.W. Post campus of Long Island University, in a continuing education program and at a local senior center. She also continues her musical activities on bassoon and contra-bassoon in orchestras, opera, community band and a pops concert band. In her spare time (!), she writes poetry, "receiving my inspiration from nature while walking my dog."

**Marguerite Traeris Harris-Chinkel** remarried four years ago and is enjoying happy companionship with her husband. They recently moved from Flushing to West Islip, bringing them nearer to their summer place on Fire Island.

**Virginia Kanick** is still skiing, mostly in Colorado and Utah, and pursuing her hobbies/studies in archaeology and history. She has been lecturing and showing slides of Afghanistan taken on an extensive trip.

**Pearl Stern Kessler** is now retired and busy with bridge, book clubs, friends and family, the latter involving two daughters who are Barnard graduates! **Ruth Raup Johnson** and her husband "have been fortunate in our lack of non-fixable health problems!" They are both doing vol-

unteer work and have traveled with elder hostel's service projects. Ruth has relearned her violin-playing skills and plays in a trio, a quartet and a small string orchestra.

**Ann Eis Farber** is still a literary agent, enjoying life in the city with her husband (both her children live in the city as well—lucky Ann!) and averaging about six or seven Broadway or off-Broadway plays a month!

**Jeanne Bergquist Flagg** is still an editor but now deals with her computer screen rather than piles of paper. She enjoys her summer dips in Long Island Sound and missed out on a dip in the Dead Sea when her September 2000 trip to Israel was canceled, but hopes to resume her archaeological vacations soon.

**Robert Paine** continues to enjoy life on Cape Ann and is very active in civic work, serving on the Historic District Commission and the Town Art Committee. She continues her one-design sailboat racing in the summer and gets her "city boost" with ease in nearby Boston.

**Frances Warshavsky Zehngelot** retired in February and is hoping, "I will like it." She seems to be doing fine! Many thanks to her for our wonderful Reunion brunch. **Shaigan Kiachif Toubia** is still active with Friends of the Library, especially their monthly book sales. However, she is slowing down because of arthritis in the knees. I empathize!

**Audrey Cox King** still lives in Richmond, Va. She is active in pre-school education in her church and is still RV'ing and enjoying annual family reunions. "The jelly bean hunt at 6:30 a.m. on Easter morning for the five grandchildren was a whale of a success."

**Marilyn Gorman Hopkins** lives in Maryland, and is retired, but active in play-reading, music classes, volunteering, poetry and classics discussion groups, a theater group, composers' society, and tai chi and sanso classes. It was lovely to welcome Marilyn to her first Reunion!

**Margaret (Peg) Diem Yorkin** is featured in the 70 Up project (see article on page 20).

Last but not least, the good news is that we raised \$1,800 for the Class of 1947 Scholarship Fund and it will help out a Barnard student this year. That's it for now. We have a wealth of news leftover; Betty will write about it in the Winter issue. Keep the news coming!

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**46** I sadly report the death of **Doris Mohr Rasweiler**, announced by her daughter, Joan Rasweiler Villani. Doris passed away in January. We send care and sincere

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NEXT REUNION: MAY 29-JUNE 1, 2003

**48** Reunion planning is getting into high gear! By now you will have received your letter from Class President, Nora Robell inviting your participation, ideas and suggestions for events and activities to make our 55th Reunion truly special. May 29-June 1, 2003, are the dates, so mark your calendars now. Spouses or other guests are encouraged to come as well. We were happy to welcome many spouses, significant others, daughters or friends at our 50th. Trust us: husbands will have a good time!

What's special this year? If you came to our 50th, you will want to revisit the experience and renew the friendships you formed with classmates you knew at school and newly discovered friends who were just names in the yearbook. If you did not attend in 1998 (many of us had scheduling

conflicts because of graduations, family weddings, etc.), here's your chance to catch up. Now, more than ever, New York is a wonderful place to visit. We are looking forward to a big attendance. More specifics in the next issue. Meanwhile, please send us your ideas for activities you would enjoy on Thursday night, Saturday evening or Sunday morning. The College, of course, will be planning a full program for us, including the class dinner Friday night.

We are also asking for volunteers to plan our class activities, to telephone classmates in your geographic area to promote attendance and establish a network, or to work on a class booklet. Please write to Nora Robell, 2518 Avenue I, Brooklyn, NY, 11210-2830.

We sadly report the loss of Trustee Emerita, **Helen Pond McIntyre**, who passed away in September. Her obituary appears on page 64.

Traveling classmates: **Nancy Ackerson Kowalchuck** took her younger granddaughter, a high school junior, on a four-island tour of Hawaii. Her elder granddaughter, now a sophomore at Rutgers, previously accompanied Nancy to Spain. **Marian Riegel Ross** enjoyed

an Elderhostel program in Dublin focusing on Irish theater and art.

As I write this, I am packing my bag for a three-week Elderhostel tour through four Scandinavian capitals. We hope to meet up with **Anne Dahl Kinsey**, a former Barnard classmate who returned to her native Norway before completing senior year.

Congratulations to **Eleanor (Elly) Thomas Elliott**, who received an honorary degree from Duke University to recognize her role as a champion of women. A profile of Elly is on page 13.

Some 30 members of our class have slipped into the "mail returned" void. If you know the current address for any of these people, please inform the Alumnae Office, or write your correspondent at the above address (and send some news about yourself while you're at it!). Missing: **Harriet Stuessi Urban**; **Marjorie Steele**; **Joanne Webber Spector**; **Lydia Soler**; **Maria De Mello Snyder**; **Agnes Philips**; **Doris Wade O'Connell**; **Alice Auge Owen**; **Virginia Corletto Marerro**; **Doris Cashmore Mantilla**; **Ellen Quigley Maloney**; **Nancy Brown Madison**; **Jane Smith Mack**; **Lucille Burlew Lawler**; **Ada Marie Kram**; **Mary Pace Knight**; **Doris Jacoby**; **Constance Godfrey**; **Joan Holley Gebhardt**; **Mearl Fenwick**; **Lyuba Stokowski de Vitre**; **June Craggett**; **Joan Taylor Dawson**; **Halina Stieglitz Charwat**; **Corine Simmons Barrett**; **Ruth Edmonds Barnhouse**; **Anne Estanguet Angot**. Note to all: If you move or change your name, let us know. We want to stay in touch.

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**49** **Mary Eitingon Kasindorf**, of Great Neck, N.Y., is a retired social worker involved as a volunteer in Reach Out To Read, a program that brings books to children in pediatric clinics. She also enjoys helping a friend who owns a secondhand book store. Her daughter, Susan, of Ft. Lauderdale, Fla., is the executive director of the Licensed Child Placing Agency for Therapeutic Foster Children. She is married and has two stepsons. Mary's son, an advertising executive, is married and lives in Stamford, Conn. His daughter, Alanna, is 9 years old and an artist.

**Betty Coryllos Lardi** has more time



to lunch with Mary and other friends since she retired from her pediatric heart surgery practice. She gives lectures on lactation to groups all over the country.

I'm sorry I missed our much-in-the-news classmate, archaeologist **Nancy Hatch Dupree**, who spoke in June at the Asia Society in N.Y. on the priorities and strategies for the revitalization of Afghanistan's cultural heritage, called the Back to School Campaign.

MIT Press published *Alfred H. Barr, Jr., and the Intellectual Origins of the Museum of Modern Art* by **Sybil Kantor** (see "Books, etc.," page 13).

My husband and I had a wonderful summer visiting family and friends, including two brand new grandnieces and sightseeing in northern and southern California, the Midwest and Toronto, Canada. I just finished writing a memoir/novel inspired by the time I lived in Morocco during the 1950s.

Last week, executing a great leap as I escaped from a group of wasps, I fell backward on the deck of our house and hit my wrist hard enough to crack it. It should be good as new in a few weeks. But BE CAREFUL, ladies.

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**50** In reply to my query, "What's new?" **Shirley Miller Babiak** wrote, "What is 'new' besides New York and New Jersey? We are still alive and kicking and enjoying the subtropical paradise we have chosen for our home—Sarasota, Fla. If anyone is down this way, tell them to look us up."

In July, **Elaine Wiener Berman** wrote that she had just returned from a two-week trip to Paris and London with her 10-year-old granddaughter. It was her third annual trip with a grandchild and Elaine says, "that's about as close to heaven as one can get." Her husband couldn't get away for the first week, so she explored Paris with her granddaughter alone, which was "such fun and a once-in-a-lifetime experience!" Her husband, Herb, is "unretired" and has a busy schedule with his new company which has developed a non-invasive glucose monitor. Their 50th

anniversary was in February and they went to the Amalfi Coast and Sicily to celebrate in April. They are "winding up several months of treats with a trip to the Oregon Shakespeare Festival in Ashland." Elaine has been involved in founding the Silicon Valley League of the San Francisco Symphony and taking courses with Herb in the Continuing Studies program at Stanford. She loved the 50th Reunion and seeing all her wonderful classmates again. Her two daughters and their husbands are all very busy and she says that "the three grandchildren, two boys and a girls, keep us young." Her daughter, Marcie, is a lawyer specializing in employment law. Her daughter's husband is a neuropsychologist. Her daughter, Cathy, is a nurse practitioner and is married to a biostatistician.

When **Chrysie Mamalakis Costantakos** wrote at the end of July, she was busily packing since she and her husband, Chris, were "heading for some Mediterranean sunshine." They were planning to visit Greece and Italy, returning in the middle of September, and hoping that the time would be spent enjoying health and peace. They are both retired but continue leisurely involvement in projects of personal interest. For Chrysie this usually entails some research on issues related to ethnic families. She cherishes being a grandmother to the two daughters of her daughter, Anastasia Ben-Gurion '78. She enjoys watching her other daughter, Evangelia, an actress/singer, on the stage.

In July, Betty Coryllos Lardi '49 (who started out in the class of 1950 but changed her affiliation to the Class of 1949) visited **Ruth Kerr Jakoby** in Phoenix and they were planning to travel to Sedonia for a lactation conference, which is Betty's new interest. After they return to Phoenix, Ruth planned to visit her son, Bob, and his family in Costa Mesa, (near Los Angeles) and see her daughter-in-law and grandchildren Jake, 6, and Max, 4.

**Barbara Park Wales** and her husband are enjoying retirement and community volunteering. They went on an Elderhostel trip to Canada in July and had a wonderful time.

**Evi Ellis Wohlgemuth** wrote that she has "very little to report at this point in life that seems relatively positive." She goes on to say that she has escaped a rather dismal English summer with a few short excursions to the Continent and has enjoyed visits of many friends from other parts of the

world. She is looking forward to a meeting with **Hannah Dunitz Stein** in Paris in September. She hopes to come to New York City for a few days in October before starting the new term and hopes there will be time for some catching up.

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**51** **Marisa Macina Hagan** reports that she, **Naomi Loeb Lipman**, **Lucille Gottlieb Porter**, **Bernice Greenfield Silverman** and **Carol Vogel Towbin** attended the May 31 dedication of the plaque awarded to our class in recognition of the funds we raised at Reunion last year. The plaque was installed in the courtyard of the Vagelos Alumnae Center (the remodeled former Deanery) on "a lovely day. We had various kinds of finger sandwiches with our champagne. There were little squares of chocolate embossed with: 'In grateful recognition of the Class of 1951.' There was a harpist and Bacchantae sang." Unfortunately, yours truly was not able to attend the ceremony, but Carol sent me one of the embossed chocolate squares, which was a sweet surprise!

Congratulations to **Jacqueline Kunitz Cappiello**, who writes: "I am the grandmother of a baby girl, Darwin Linnea Aviva Coovadia, the daughter of my daughter, Tanya, and her husband. The couple lives in St. Petersburg, Fla., which is where I will be spending next February. Darwin, whose father is a genetic technician, came into the world while I was waiting at the airport in Toronto for my flight to Florida on June 25." Details, including photos, will be provided by a very happy grandmother.

**Loigene (Loi) Nickel Gendzel** and her husband, Ivan, are "in good health and enjoying life. With our work lives being significantly diminished, we have time for other interests and activities. Somehow, as with most folks who aren't working at the office all that much, we end up wondering where the time goes." The note included a photo of Loi and Ivan and their granddaughters, Gracie and Jackie. They concluded that "by far, the best discovery has been grandparenting, which is so much easier

and more fun than parenting.”

In a happy note, **Bernice Greenfield Silverman** tells us she works part time as a geriatric care manager in private practice, which allows her to travel and to enjoy the many cultural activities available in New York. Her grandson, Benjamin Efraim, turned 1 in August. “He is, of course, a joy to behold!” Congratulations, Bernice!

**Bernice Liberman Auslander** forwarded a note from **Blanche (Babs) Frenning Strater**, who had a good time at a Barnard Club of Connecticut event in Hartford. “Surprisingly, it was a cooking class titled ‘Something is Cooking in Connecticut.’ We made only one recipe and took three hours to do it. There were about 12 of us gathered in a club member’s kitchen. The instructor was a private chef and a Barnard alumna. Networking flourished and cards were exchanged. This rapport wouldn’t have been so easy in a larger group.” Babs also has joined the League of Women Voters in memory of her great-aunt Blanche, “who was an outspoken suffragette and a political cartoonist” and she went to the organization’s national convention in Miami. “It’s easy to get involved in too many activities!”

I have a feeling that most of us would agree with that, but don’t let it keep you from sending me news about your busy lives!

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**52 Gertrud Michelson** reports that she and her daughters, Valerie Ann Pinsky ’75, Carole Nicole Pinsky ’79 and Cynthia Pinsky Jennings, are spearheading plans to mark the 100th anniversary of the birth of Gertrud’s mother, pioneer modern dancer Franziska Boas ’23. Cynthia married William Jennings in October 2001.

**Sarah (Sarsh) Bond Hanke**, now retired, keeps busy volunteering at the Adelynrod Retreat Center, an Episcopal retreat center in Byfield, Mass. Together with her husband, Jonathan, Sarsh is active in Amherst’s Five College Learning and Retirement Community. When I spoke to her in mid-August, Sarsh and her husband were planning a trip to Paris to visit their daughter, Barbara, and her children.

New York City-based classmates continue to keep in touch. **Millicent Lieberman Greenberg** reports that she, **Ruth (Bunny) Mayers Goldhaber** and **Norma Glaser Justin** spent a “fun-

filled” weekend in July at Millicent’s summer home in East Hampton. **Carol Connors Krikun**, **Claire Delage Metz**, **Ruth Ryskind Ohman** and **Rosemary Tartt** embarked on an all-day boat excursion from the Manhattan’s West Side to Tarrytown, N.Y., where they visited Philipsburg Manor and Washington Irving’s home, Sunnyside.

**Barbara Lord** has retired and moved to Maine from New York City, which she says has given her a real change in lifestyle. **Joan Lunoe Martini**, on the other hand, went south. When she retired from her work as a paramedic with the New York City Emergency Medical Service, she moved to North Carolina. **Harriet Hamann Snell** says she has become an avid gardener since her retirement. She and her husband, William, are longtime residents of California.

Like so many of our classmates, attorney **Lois Lanker** continues to pursue a legal career. When last I spoke to them, both **Ruth Montgomery Reeves** and **Marin Jones Shealy** told me they, too, were still working, but both said they were also enjoying quality time with their grandchildren.

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**53** The majority of us have now turned 70 and why not celebrate the occasion by attending our gala 50th Reunion May 29-June 1, 2003? Plans are underway for events that will include spouses and significant others. There will be meetings in November, so if you are interested in joining the planners, call Nancy Underwood Lourie at 212-677-3863. They guarantee it will be very special!

**Evelyn Ilton Strauss** is busy selling real estate on the North Shore of Long Island with her daughter, Julie. The foundation she and her husband, Herb, have set up for leukemia research in memory of their daughter, Lauri, will be having another gala benefit concert at Carnegie Hall on December 9. For further information contact Evie at the Lauri Strauss Leukemia Foundation in New York City, [www.lslf.org](http://www.lslf.org).

**Audrey Gerson Heimler** and her husband, Arnie, are both retired and living in Connecticut. They spend the winters in Long Boat Key, Fla. They recently had a family reunion with all their children and

grandchildren and ended up with 20 family members under one roof.

**Anne Anderson Jones** sent a newsy letter from her new home in Wilmington, N.C., where she has been doing volunteer work when not traveling. She took a study tour of the Cro-Magnon caves in Southwest France and then visited her daughter in Geneva, where she is with the United Nations. Anne’s daughter, Beverly, has two master’s degrees from Columbia and is with the Human Rights Commission. Last year Anne roughed it in Alaska, where she took the state ferry to the Aleutians. She hopes to be able to attend Reunion.

**Clare Breenburger Freedman** realized that it’s been a long time since she wrote. She reports, “We have been busy traveling the world. Walter takes wonderful pictures and we both have a great time. Some places we have visited recently include France, Malta, Sicily, Italy, Iceland, Sweden, Panama Canal, Costa Rica, Holland and Tanzania. We took a cruise to the Aleutian Islands, the Bering Sea, the Kenai Peninsula, a small town in Russia and Seward Alaska. I still teach English as a Second Language to adults! We are fortunate to have our older daughter, Janet, and her family live just a few minutes away—they have three daughters. Jan is the owner and CEO of a hospice; she won the Chamber of Commerce Award for the best emerging business of the year. Our other daughter, Susan, is an architect who lives and works in Edwards, just west of Vail, Colo.

Your correspondent has also been busy traveling with her husband, Gene. We explored the Pyrenees region of Spain and France last spring and this summer returned from a cruise that took us to Norway, Iceland, Ireland and the United Kingdom. There are endless possibilities for discovery.

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**54 Arlene Kelly Winer** and **Shirley Henschel** attended Reunion 2002. Shirley had generously contributed favors for Reunion gift bags that were distributed and Arlene served as liaison to the 50s classes celebrating reunions. The weekend was wonderful, highlighted by a Victorian Tea at the new Vagelos Alumnae Center and a festive first-ever Reunion gala din-



ner under the stars in a tent on the Quad. Arlene looks forward to continuing her services on the Reunion committee and hopes to see many more of our class at next year's and other future events!

Arlene, **Laura Sheskin Rotstein** and **Joanne Slater** have activated the nucleus of the Planning committee for our 50th Reunion, scheduled for May 27-30, 2004 (same dates as Columbia). Early planning was inspired by the huge turnout for the Class of 1952's 50th Reunion, attributed to a two-year coast-to-coast campaign focused on personal contacts and feedback. Our hope is not only to welcome back those who attend reunions regularly, but also to renew friendships with classmates who seldom attend or who have never attended before. This milestone Reunion will be built around you! To achieve this, we want to expand our committee into a network of volunteers across

the country reaching out to all class members. We would like to hear from anyone with ideas, suggestions and preferences for activities, subjects, themes, etc. We will circulate your thoughts in informal newsletters to anyone contributing to or requesting them. Your thoughts, reactions and feedback will help us shape our event into one you won't want to miss. Please let us hear from you. Call Joanne at 212-644-9044 or fax her at 212-644-9098.

We still have many classmates actively working. **Esin Kaya-Carton** works for a non-profit foundation, the Bureau of Education Evaluation, doing research, development and evaluation. **Janet Jansen Dunham** writes that she still works part-time for the local school district in Yorba Linda, Calif. She and her husband flew to Manhattan during Christmas to help the local economy. Thanks!

**Judy Ross** spends half her year in

Israel writing for the *Jerusalem Post* and the other half in New York, where she also does freelance writing on food and wine. **Irmgard Orth Gesund** went to graduate school in Israel and now resides in Lexington, Ky. Her daughter and three grandchildren live in Israel and she reports she is holding her breath. Other classmates living in Israel include **Sally Seidgoff Krieger** and **Vivian Ross Priel**.

**Dorothy Cohn Feldman** is a great source of news about our class. Seems she attended grade school with **Ellen Franklin Wagner**, grades 5 and 6 with **Rael Isaacs Isaac**, grades 7 and 8 with **Beatrice Sliosberg Lehman** and **Elizabeth Le Bourhis**, and high school with **Marcia Gusten Pundyk** and **Gusta Zuckerman Abels**. She also told me that **Merrill Krainess Skramovsky** went to high school with **Anita Mazzarella Kuemmel** and transferred to Barnard in



## ALUMNAE PROFILE

### Mary Lee Fuhr Baranger '52

**M**ary Lee Fuhr Baranger '52 still commutes to work, even though she retired five years ago from her job as an art history professor at Manhattanville College in New York's Westchester County.

Until recently, she'd lived in Manhattan, so teaching part-time at Manhattanville College didn't require much travel.

But things got a bit more complicated after Baranger and her husband, Michel, moved to Tucson, Ariz., earlier this year. Now, Baranger boards a plane headed for New York City in September and January to teach "The New York Experience." Reflecting the city's frenetic pace, the urban field history course covers a semester's work in 10 days.

Upon returning to her new home in Academy Village, a retirement community in the Sonora Desert, Baranger is again immersed in intellectual pur-

suits, through the Arizona Senior Academy, an affiliate of the University of Arizona. A typical week might include a course on geology of the Southwest, a lecture on Islam and a classical guitar concert by university faculty members.

For Baranger and her husband, both avid hikers, the decision to move to Academy Village wasn't difficult. "Michel was a faculty member at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and we'd had a commuter marriage since we first got together in 1991. Academy Village gave us the opportunity to have a place that belonged to both of us," she says.

Neighbors—who include retired musicians, artists, executives and physicians—share an interest in lifelong learning. An art history major at Barnard, Baranger was a devoted student of former professor Julius Held. Her graduate study emphasized Greek

and Roman archeology; she spent two years in Rome on a Fulbright Fellowship while working on her dissertation.

Fond of Southwestern architecture, Baranger marvels at how her home affords her views of desert flora and picturesque mountains in nearby Saguaro National Park. "The layout of the community is ecologically and environmentally sensitive, with much open space that maintains the desert as desert," she says.

But she can't get the Big Apple out of her blood. Although his arrival caused her to miss her 50th Reunion, a grandson born this spring further enhances the appeal of visiting her favorite city again and again.

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her sophomore year because of Anita. Dorothy herself is busy playing the piano, setting poems to music and reading.

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location for the quarterly get togethers were **Jane Were-Bey Gardner**, **Doris Joyner Griffin**, **Barbara Silver Horowitz**, **Norma Haft Mandel**, **Duane Lloyd Patterson**, **Marcella Jung Rosen Sacks**, **Mirella d'Ambrosio Servodidio**, **Toni Lautman Simon** and **Hessy Levinsons Taft**. By the time you read this, several classmates will have enjoyed a day at the Grounds for Sculpture in Hamilton, N.J., and a lunch at "Rats," a restaurant in the park. The restaurant is named for a character in *Wind in the Willows*. The event will be reported fully in the next issue as deadline for this issue preceded the outing.

Spearheading the Grounds for Sculpture tour was **Doris Joyner Griffin** who lives in Ramsey, N.J. Now retired from her work as a library media specialist coordinating and teaching library based curricula for sixth-, seventh- and eighth-grade students, Doris is focusing her energies on auditing classes in art, politics and music at Ramapo College, volunteering her time to the Unitarian Church and various social action projects and furthering her interests in gardening, cooking and travel. She and her husband, Peter, have one grandchild, Isabel Chinick. Their seven children have grown up together in a "Brady Bunch" household. Doris and Peter met in 1972 at a country club party for Jewish singles where Doris was the only Protestant and Peter the only Catholic. They were the only singles to bring their children to the club and everyone hit it off, culminating in

a 1975 marriage joining the two families.

Congratulations to **Sylvia Simmons Prozan** and her husband, George, on the birth of their second grandchild, Nicole Prozan, born August 2. Nicole, the daughter of Sylvia and George's son Larry and his wife, joins brother Noah, 3.

I enjoyed meeting **Elaine Adler-Amrani** at the Barnard Club of Monmouth event. We had a lively exchange about our moving and, in particular, our downsizing from large homes to smaller units. Elaine broke up her home in Clifton, N.J., in 1999, in anticipation of a move to California, a plan she had since getting her master's at the University of California at Los Angeles. But after selling everything and sending a few boxes of belongings to California, she and her husband, Samuel, took a vacation on the New Jersey shore for seven weeks. After that, they decided that they liked it there so much, why move to California? But the shipped boxes dictated the course of their travels and they left for California. Seven months later they returned to New Jersey, set up a home in Tinton Falls and moved to Lakewood last summer, becoming neighbors of **Louise Cohen Silverman** and her husband, Robert. Elaine discovered Louise when she attended a yard and house sale at Louise's former home. Elaine noticed the Barnard degree on the wall and discovered a classmate. Good luck to both Elaine and Louise in their new homes at the Four Seasons in Lakewood, N.J.

My move last summer was less circuitous than Elaine's, as we stayed in the same town, Princeton, N.J. Please note my new address. We sold our home of 33 years where our four children grew up and where all three of our daughters had weddings on the lawn. In addition to the happy memories, we moved four generations of inherited and accumulated memorabilia (the children didn't want theirs but we weren't supposed to throw it out, either), a home office with files, three computers and my husband's enormous collection of tools (14 sledge hammers, belt sanders, etc.) even though our new home is maintained by an association. Old habits are hard to break.

But I couldn't help comparing the ease of the move 33 years ago to the one we made last summer. It wasn't that we were younger then. Thirty-three years ago, we weren't inflicted with telephone decisions. Ma Bell was called to wire your home and to lease you telephone equipment. A live response from the service department was

**55** There were many opportunities for classmates in the Northeast to convene this summer. On July 23 the Barnard Club of Monmouth County, New Jersey co-hosted a scholarship luncheon at the Ocean Beach Club in Elberon, N.J. Even though the other seven sister colleges were also hosts, the Barnard presence was pervasive with most of the tables occupied by alumnae and even a few members of Barnard's incoming freshman class. Roberta Waterstone Albert '92, director of alumnae affairs, attended and gave a short greeting. Our class was represented by **Renee Becker Swartz**, who chaired the event, **Elaine Adler-Amrani**, **Tamara Ripner Casriel**, **Louise Cohen Silverman** and **Joyce Shimkin Usiskin**. Amy Hill Hearth, a journalist, spoke about her relationship with the Delany sisters and recounted her lively interviews with those centenarians who were the subject of her book, *The Delany Sisters' Book of Everyday Wisdom*.

On the same hot summer day, several classmates met for lunch at the Asia Society in New York City and discussed books and vacation plans. Sampling the new



obtained without pressing a succession of digits. Today, telephone companies are the hardest to reach by telephone, phones are purchased and long distance carriers must be chosen. Instead of slide projectors, movie projectors and tape decks which didn't have to be installed permanently, we now have computer towers, printers, fax/scanners, VCRs, DVDs, CD players and speakers which have to be connected to each other in a maze of wires. Thirty-three years ago, the television set was plugged in and the only issue was the direction of the aerial. Now there are cable companies, satellite dish services, etc., to choose. Finally, the post office was the biggest surprise. Since the anthrax outbreak in Hamilton N.J., that post office has been closed and that was the central facility for sorting and attaching yellow stickers to forwarded mail. That job is now distributed among a myriad of other post offices. Even though we moved within the same postal zip code, our mail must be sent far afield before it returns months later to our new address. So perhaps, if you have any rush items for our class notes, you should consider e-mail or fax the item to me at 732-981-3274. But don't let this deter you from sharing your news with us. I hope to hear from you.

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**56** Gloria Richman Rinderman, who lives in Great Neck, N.Y., sent a brief note saying she and her husband continue with their songwriting. Their songs, she says, are being played on the radio.

**Sifrah Sammel Hollander** of Flushing, N.Y., writes that her son, Yitzchak, was married on June 2. He graduated from Yeshiva University and is employed in the information technology division of Morgan Stanley Dean Witter. His wife graduated from Stern College and is on the staff of the public relations department of Yeshiva.

Your class correspondent is no longer working as a magazine editor. Instead, she is the sales and advertising director for her husband's custom picture framing business. Both she and her husband work out of their house and she hasn't had such fun since she worked for a daily newspaper as

a reporter. Designing and writing brochures and ads is a new and welcome challenge.

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**57** Ta-daa! Good news from Fund co-chairs **Rhoda Mermelstein Berley** and **Gaya Feinerman Brodnitz**: "By all accounts, our 45th was a great success. Our class Reunion gift was a record \$56,201, our best ever. Class participation was also impressive: 57%, higher than ever. We should all feel very proud of ourselves and our commitment to the future of Barnard. Thank you all." And thank you to the two of you as well. This was an extraordinary achievement in view of the current market woes.

**Ann Marie Farver Norton** writes from Greenwood Village, Colo.: "Since my surgeon husband retired in 1997, we have been volunteering overseas in Third World hospitals in about 17 Asian and African countries. In Denver, I'm a busy docent at the Denver Art Museum."

**Sandy McCaw** reports that she's retired from a long career with the government serving with the International Cooperation Administration, the Peace Corps, the Office of Economic Opportunity and the Community Service Administration. She now lives in Rhode Island and is president of the South County Art Association in Kingston, R.I.

From Waterloo, Canada, **Barbara Morn Lefcourt** sent a long, lovely letter, much of which was excised to fit this column. She and her husband, Herb, are both retired now. After a mid-life career starting in 1983, Barbara ended her teaching and administrative work in an adult literacy program last year. Her at-home activities include caring for a grandchild—son of daughter, Rachel, who's just had another—committee work for religious and political organizations, participating in a book group, swimming several miles a week, healthful gourmet cooking, traveling and writing poetry. She and Herb were fortunate to be able to return to their much-loved Australia for 10 weeks last year to visit their son, Mike, who lives there with his wife and two children. They "spent over five weeks in Western Australia revisiting Perth, and traveling further. Our touring was very much darkened by the horrific events of 9/11. We met up with innumerable Aussies who feel very close to

Canada and the United States. So there was much commiserating." Son Jack is an editorial cartoonist in Canada with a bit of a following ([www.lefcourtland.com](http://www.lefcourtland.com)). Herb retired in 1996 as Distinguished Professor Emeritus in the University of Waterloo department of psychology, but guest lectures on occasion. His latest book is *Humor, the Psychology of Living Buoyantly*, which Barbara helped edit. "I feel fortunate that we still have each other in this, the 44th year of marriage, that we were able to survive as a couple those early tumultuous years when we were growing up together ... also the trials (and joys) of raising a family. Now, we appear to be growing old together, tolerating with humour each other's complaints and discomforts from aging. I cherish each day."

In exchange for a classmate's address, I extorted news from **Elaine Audi Macken** in Brooklyn: "I'm still happily active in my interior design practice, and reading and opera are absorbing interests. Since the last Reunion I've become a grandmother twice, and my second daughter moved to San Francisco, so I'm a regular visitor. I'm looking forward to the next reunion, which I shall promise to attend."

*Some of Us Did Not Die: New and Selected Essays of June Jordan*, a collection of essays by the late **June Jordan** was published posthumously by Basic Civitas Books (see "Books, etc.," page 18).

Failing Memory Department: Are you as annoyed as I am by "expert" (think teenage) advice for picking PINs or passwords for ATMs, Internet shopping, etc. A different password for each site. Use both numbers and letters (upper and lower case). Nothing easy to remember (your cat's name); someone may guess. Don't write them down; someone may find them. Change all of them every 30 days. Eeek!

Nevertheless, I'd like to encourage you to use the Barnard Web site to get a permanent e-mail address since you seem to change them so often. (My most frequent correspondent is MAILER-DAEMON). Barnard will give you a permanent address (write it down). When you use it, they'll forward your mail to your address du jour so long as you notify them when you switch. Go to [www.barnard.edu](http://www.barnard.edu), click on Alumnae, then Keeping in Touch.

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**58** Your class officers are busy working on our next Reunion (May 29-June 1, 2003). While in town during July, I went to a planning session at our alma mater attended by co-presidents, **Yvonne Groseil** and **Lourdes (Lulu) Romanacce Zavitsas**, and treasurer, **Myrna Ziegler Weiss**. We bounced around many exciting ideas. Help is needed, even for small tasks such as phoning. A volunteer from the New York area is especially needed to produce, design and illustrate of our Reunion booklet. E-mail Yvonne at yvonneblanche@aol.com if you can assist or have any suggestions.

Sojourning in Connecticut afforded me the opportunity to call classmates who live in the 203 area code. I had a lengthy and cordial chat with **Elaine Greenberg Erichson**, whose training is in language and speech pathology. Elaine's latest accomplishment is a reading/tutoring program called Reading Partner, created to run under the auspices of the National Jewish Coalition for Literacy. Tutors in the program go into Stamford elementary schools and work one-on-one with the K-3 children. Elaine's husband, Bob, is still the medical director of Bennett Cancer Center at Stamford Hospital. Her son, Howard, teaches law at Columbia. Daughter, Laurie Leibowitz, is a teacher of pre-schoolers. And there are four grandkids!

**Jane Peyser Brooks**, who also has four grandchildren, is still working and happy to be doing so. She's a psychologist in the Stamford, Conn., school system and "absolutely loves it." Jane and her husband, Fred, toured northern Spain in June.

Another traveler, **Ann Cohen Robbins**, notes: "My husband, Ben, and I just returned from a marvelous 9,000 mile car trip through Canada and Alaska. There's nothing like the freedom of the open road, especially if one happens to live in the Middle East!" (Ann and Ben live in Israel.)

Got another e-mail from the ever-busy **Michelle Marder Kamhi**. "In our latest Web site update, we skewer C-SPAN's American Writers series for its misleading program on Ayn Rand, and we don't spare the Ayn Rand Institute. Also posted now is our long-overdue response to the review of *What Art Is* in *Navigator* by Minsaas and Blumenthal. In 'Anti-Art Is Not Art' we expose the false premise behind a recent exhibit of controversial holocaust-inspired art. Finally, we critique the inflated prose of a dance writer for the neo-conservative cultural journal *The New Criterion*. For these and other

new items of interest, see "What's New" at [www.aristos.org/editors/booksumm.htm](http://www.aristos.org/editors/booksumm.htm)."

Penguin Academics published *Imaginative Writing: The Elements of Craft* by **Janet Burroway** (see "Books, etc.," page 18).

Permit me to blow my own horn. Since November of last year, I have been managing editor of a 20-page newsletter for my community called *RiverWalk Talk*. It's a part-time, non-paying volunteer job but I thoroughly enjoy it and isn't that what life at 65 is all about?

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**59** Since we have two correspondents, Betty and I have been enjoying sharing our updates. Betty is back at work as assistant to the CEO and president of IGT/New York Times Card. She handles all kinds of special projects. She is still chair of the Miami Jewish Film Festival and has been joined by Mimi Birke Klimberg '89. Betty has also been assisting her husband, who is the chairman of a city-wide event for 9/11.

Renee has been enjoying her art classes and is delighted that her new grandson and his parents live in Ithaca, N.Y. Her husband is a professor of physical chemistry at Cornell, and has become the director of an NIH National Center based in Ithaca that studies biological systems through the techniques of electron spin resonance.

**Catherine Kalamotousakis Valsamaki** wrote that she is "living part of the time in New York City and part of the time in Greece doing some consulting." She is now the proud grandmother of three.

**Janet Feldman Steig** and her husband, Don, have become grandparents for the first time. We wish them much joy in the years to come!

**Judy Weber Taylor** has been spending time in Providence, R.I., and says that in addition to the pleasure of being near her new granddaughter, she is also enjoying listening to **Susan Levitt Stamberg** on NPR out of Boston.

**Helene Reiner Ferris**, rabbi of Temple Israel of Northern Westchester in Cro-

ton-on-Hudson, N.Y., is featured in the article on female rabbis, page 31. The Sheep Meadow Press published *In Solitary*, a book of poetry by **Lynne Sharon Schwartz** (see "Books, etc.," page 18).

We send thoughts of care and sympathy to the family of **Diana Stone Peters**, who died in May. Keep us posted on your activities.

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**60** We have just received the sad news that our classmate, **Rosemary White Ellison**, passed away in July in Oklahoma City. Rosemary was the director of three Indian museums at Anandarko, Okla., Browning Mountain and Sioux City, S.D.; all under the Department of the Interior. She also authored several books on Plains Indian art. I remember talking to Rosemary at one of our Reunions, where she advised me of the beauty of the work of the Plains Indians.

The Public Advocate for the City of New York, our own **Betsy Gotbaum**, is much in the news these days, since she opposes Mayor Bloomberg's wish to amend the city charter to have the deputy mayor succeed instead of the Public Advocate. Betsy's position is an elected one while that of the deputy mayor is not. She puts out a newsletter called *The Public Advocate* that explains her role as the city's ombudsperson.

Great news from **Judith Shapiro**, who is a new grandmother to Sylvia Rose Gibson born January 4 to her daughter and son-in-law in England. Judy has visited there and reports all three are thriving. Indeed, her new granddaughter has already been to Paris on the Chunnel train. Judy says she is a most happy and active baby and a joy for all around her. Sylvia Rose has already visited with her cousin, **Judy Reich Andreyev**, in Paris. Nothing stops this baby. Judy continues to work in dermatology in her new location and enjoys her new lifestyle.

**Irene Winter** is the William Dorr Boardman Professor of Fine Arts at Harvard, specializing in the art of Mesopotamia. She was featured in the Fall



issue of *Harvard* magazine for her work in teaching a freshman seminar on the history and art of cylinder seals, a writing surface dating back to the fourth millennium B.C.E.

**Myrna Neuringer Levy** tells us that she has written and published a book, *My Grandpa Plays With Trains*, a picture book about a grandfather who has an antique toy collection and his relationship with his grandson. The book is illustrated with pictures from Myrna's husband's train collection. He is the model for the grandfather in the story and their youngest grandson, Alexander, is the model for the boy. Her Web site, [www.geocities.com/myrnasbooks](http://www.geocities.com/myrnasbooks), has more about the book. Myrna has a new career in marketing the book, including visits to local schools. Myrna reports that **Shelly Schreiber** became a grandmother in May with the birth of a grandson to her middle daughter.

Just back from a trip to Spain and Provence are **Sydney Weinberg** and her husband, Gerry Tanenbaum.

**Lois Silverstein** writes that her novel *Daughter* was published by Red Shoes Press and is available at [www.xlibris.com](http://www.xlibris.com) (see "Books, etc.," page 18).

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## The Rosemary Frankel Furman '58 Counseling Center

**T**he Rosemary Frankel Furman '58 Counseling Center is pleased to announce the formation of a bereavement support group exclusively for Barnard alumnae and partners of Barnard alumnae. This group is offered in thanks for the generous support of alumnae in general and to Rosemary Frankel Furman in particular. Open to Barnard graduates or their bereaved partners, this group will meet once a week in the evening at Barnard to offer support through the difficult process of losing one's life partner. This group will be facilitated by Giselle Harrington, M.Ed., a staff member at the Counseling Center. For more information, please call Norinda Del Fierro, 212-854-2092.

tures, laughter, joys and surprises, but so far, it's been a wonderful trip. A word of caution to those who haven't retired yet: even in retirement, there's still not enough time to do everything you want to do! Maybe that's part of the fun."

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**Roth Futterman** and her lovely expanding family. She and Stanley celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary on the August 26 in Italy. I still recall having a wonderful time at their wedding." Best wishes to the Futtermans!

We have two new grandchildren in the Class of 1962 family. Elihu and **Harriet Kaye Inselbuch** sent news of the July birth of Jamison Rose Malasek, daughter of Jessica Inselbuch Malasek and her husband Jan. Kim Berman, daughter of Harris and **Ruth Nemzoff**, and her husband, Farzad Mostashari, are the proud parents of Ana-Sophia, born on Reunion eve.

John and I spent a delightful afternoon with **Elsa Brothman Horowitz** and her husband, Lee, at their lovely new home in Durango, Colo. Both are semi-retired and currently plan to divide the year between Durango and New York City. Elsa enjoys riding her horse, Levi, while Lee explores the area on his bike. They both work as volunteers at the Anasazi Heritage Center. Lee is working on a consulting project with the New York Public Library to implement a Web site for referencing its massive non-book collections. Their daughter, Naomi, is a jewelry designer who heads product development for the gold jewelry department of a New York City jewelry manufacturer. Her husband, an illustrator by training, is a sen-

**61** News from the publishing world: **Sheila Wolkowitz Handler** penned *A Poet's Journey Toward September 11* and *Poems of a Haunted Child*; **Mary-Jo Kline** edited and wrote the introduction to *The Book of Abigail and John: Selected Letters of the Adams Family, 1762-1784*; and **Nancy Miller** wrote *But Enough About Me: Why We Read Other People's Lives* and co-edited with Jason Tougaw *Extremities: Trauma Testimony and Community* (see "Books, etc.," page 18).

After 25 years of practicing law, **Carol Van Buskirk Paulk** retired two years ago. Jim, her husband of 36 years, retired with her. Her daughter, Elizabeth, is a doctor in Dallas, Stephanie is a lawyer in Atlanta and Julia is a "just-about-there" Ph.D. student at Indiana University. All of her daughters are happy and well. Carol writes, "We've had our human shares of troubles, illnesses, losses, sorrows, adven-

**62** Still basking in our 40th Reunion year, we have news from **Marcia Dackman Davis**, who lives in England. "Reunion was a marvelous experience for me after 15 years since my last one. The openness and warmth of our classmates, and their various accomplishments and life experiences over the years made quite an impression. I felt proud to be part of that. I was also delighted to meet up with **Linda Fayne Levinson** again after 30-something years. We had been through school together from the 5th grade on (or was it the 4th grade?). As always, I thoroughly enjoyed having more time with **Linda**

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ior Web artist for Sesame Workshop.

**Lynn Puerschner Hurst** is a hospice social worker in Denver and really enjoys her work. Lynn's three children got married this year. Congratulations!

**Pamela Morris Clark** is program coordinator for Long Island Counseling Center, part of Family and Children's Association. Her three sons are all grown and she has two granddaughters, 7 and 2. She was very involved in response to 9/11 as a member of the New York State Psychological Association Disaster Response Network and a volunteer for the American Red Cross, where she provided mental health counseling.

**Susan Ablon Cole**, president of Montclair State University, was honored in October by the Montclair Economic Development Corp., along with fellow Barnard alumna Dr. Nancy Elliott '77.

**Barbara Goldberg Appelbaum** and **Barbara Lovenheim** have been busy, editing *Perilous Journeys: Personal Stories of German and Austrian Jews Who Escaped the Nazis and Survival in the Shadows: Seven Hidden Jews in Hitler's Berlin* (see "Books, etc.," page 18).

On a somber note, we send heartfelt

condolences to **Patricia Freiberg Green**, Trustee Emerita, whose husband, Bill, passed away on October 14. A graduate of Harvard and Harvard Law School, Bill was a well-known and respected representative of New York, who served in the U.S. Congress for seven terms and served on many corporate and philanthropic boards. Our thoughts are with Patricia and her family.

We also send condolences to family and friends of **Justine Mee Liff**, who passed away in September. Her obituary appears on page 64.

Finally, I want to salute Toni Crowley Coffee '56 on her retirement as associate editor of *Barnard* magazine. It has been a pleasure to work with her for the past five years on Class Notes! Happy retirement! I eagerly await news from each of you. Please send new or changed e-mail addresses as well. Thanks.

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**63** Greetings from Coronado, Calif., where on a Sunday in May, we attended a birthday bash for our grandson, Tyler, who was turning 6. About 30 kids and their parents attended the party in a neighborhood park. They were feted by a face-painting clown, a magician and a trampoline inside the body of a large see-through plastic mouse. After dining on pizza, the birthday cake (portraying a scene from the dinosaur era—Tyler is fond of dinosaurs) was served. The celebration continued at home with the opening of the gifts and notations as to "who gave what" so that appropriate thank-you cards could be sent.

Speaking of celebrations, **Pola Auerbach Rosen** and her husband, Herman, purchased an apartment in Los Angeles, that overlooks the Pacific Ocean. In the complex there is a tennis court, swimming pool and other amenities of "the good life." Perhaps when Pola arrives here we can meet with other classmates for dinner. Pola also mentioned that **Terry Rogers Barth** had moved to New York City from Southport, Conn.

A few minutes after speaking with Pola, Terry called. She tutors and mentors children from elementary school through high school. She'd love to hear from her class-

mates (her telephone number is available through the alumnae office). A kind of celebration is also due for Terry, to rejoice at her successful surgery to alleviate carpal tunnel syndrome in her left hand. Surgery on her right hand is scheduled to follow shortly.

**Lucille Recht Penner** wrote *Super Dinosaurs* (see "Books, etc.," page 18).

That's it for now. Have a great fall, and if you travel, please send postcards. I'll write to you again in the Winter issue.

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**64** A note from **Donna Rudnick Lebovitz**: The recent arrival of our two grandsons, each of whom join an older sister, and our good fortune in having them all nearby, makes this an appropriate time for me to resign as class correspondent and focus my energies on enjoying my family. I leave the column in Sharon's capable hands, and hope you will all submit newsworthy items to her, which I shall look forward to reading!

A note from Sharon (class correspondent): Donna deserves our heartfelt thanks for generously giving of her time for many years to single-handedly write this column. It will be a challenge to follow in her footsteps. Because of constraints on my time, I am hoping someone can volunteer to write one or two columns per year. Please e-mail me if you would like to help.

No news has been received from other classmates, but I am proud to report that my younger son, Daniel, graduated from the University of California, Santa Barbara in June, only three years after completing high school.

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**65** Calling all Barnard pediatricians! We had a wonderful letter from **Christine Mar Wong**, who is the executive director of the Project HOPE affiliate in Hong Kong. The mission of Project HOPE is to spread the latest medical knowledge to doctors in developing nations. The Shanghai Children's Medical Center, which then-First Lady Hillary Clinton opened in 1998, is China's first state-of-the-art hospital dedicated to children with life-threatening diseases. Project HOPE helped build the hos-



pital; funds its training programs; and established an Indigent Children's Fund to make heart surgery available to children who need the surgery but can't afford the fees. The Shanghai Children's Medical Center now needs another pediatrician for its Special Services Clinic. Christine writes that it is a "semi-volunteer" position. By "semi volunteer," she means that "housing, food and airfare will be taken care of" and there is a small stipend. If you are retired, or just want to take time off, see the world and help needy children, please write to Christine, [pghope@netvigator.com](mailto:pghope@netvigator.com), or Project HOPE HK Foundation Ltd., Room 503 Abdoolally House, 20 Stanley Street, Central, Hong Kong. The Web site is [www.projecthopehk.org](http://www.projecthopehk.org).

Having spent two years working in China (as an English professor, on the

identical terms of engagement as are offered by Project HOPE), I highly recommend the experience. You will be safe and comfortable, meet wonderful people, do good and see an extraordinary civilization. Shanghai is a vibrant and historic city. I hope someone will be able to apply for, or recommend someone to, this position.

I am very sorry to report the death of **Margery Dubrow-Mansolino**, who died in March. Margery is survived by her husband, Daniel Mansolino, parents and sister, Phyllis Klein. Margery was a lovely person, and she is missed. Condolences also go out to **Jane H. Goldman** and her sister, Amy Patrice Goldman '76, over the loss of their mother, Lillian Goldman, who passed away in August.

**Ann Selgin Levy** and I have been corresponding about "retirement." As class correspondents, we hear about indi-

vidual achievements, and also about births, deaths, moves, marriages, divorces and retirements—life-altering events. Lots of us must be thinking about retiring, but NOT doing it—and either planning or not planning for it. Ann is unable to retire because she doesn't have a job outside her home to retire from. She is passionate about and deeply involved in writing and publishing in Vermont. She writes, "I have learned to garden and raise organic vegetables, medicinal herbs (a.k.a. weeds), roses and perennials. Harvesting and preserving mother nature's gifts take more than a little time and the gardening itself is never ending. Then there is the weaving and allied fiber arts, any of which could take over my life if given an inch." Ann has recently been working on making and marketing gossamer shawls. I'm at the opposite end of the spectrum; I have a job



## ALUMNAE PROFILE

### Joan Breibart '63

**J**oan Breibart never intended to be a fitness guru. Instead, the founder of the PhysicalMind Institute, which certifies instructors in the Pilates Method, originally thought she'd end up in publishing.

But a career in books morphed into something more encyclopedic. Since graduating from Barnard, Breibart has become a pioneer in the Pilates movement. Pilates (pronounced pih-LAH-tees) is a low-impact exercise method created more than 75 years ago by Joseph Pilates, a German physical trainer. It strengthens muscles and improves flexibility with rhythmic exercises that can be done on special machines or on a mat.

A basic tenet of Pilates is good posture, but the trajectory of Breibart's professional life has been far from straight. While at Barnard, she spent a summer at *Redbook* as an assistant in the art department.

Glowing references in hand, Breibart began a decade-long career in publishing. She was then recruited by ITT World HQ and spent two years in strategic planning.

Breibart learned of Pilates while researching trends for a memo to her boss at Scholastic, Inc. She recalls walking over to the Pilates studio—in high heels—for her first lesson: "Pilates felt good and it made a huge difference in my body immediately."

Over the years, she tried different ways of marketing Pilates. In the late 1980s, she, her husband, Douglas Bittenbender, and their two young sons moved to Santa Fe, N.M., from New York. At the time, Breibart estimates that only 100 people in the world were teaching Pilates—including the main disciple of Joseph Pilates: Eve Gentry, a modern dancer, who also lived in Santa Fe.

Breibart seized the opportunity to begin a professional Pilates orga-

nization. It wasn't easy. Critics, of course, didn't understand Pilates. "You couldn't feel

it. You didn't sweat. You didn't go for the burn," she says. At one point, Breibart and a Pilates equipment maker became defendants in an eight-year legal battle involving the trademark of the Pilates name (the suit was eventually settled in their favor).

Today, her company—now based in New York City—also offers exercise equipment, educational materials and books. "The fitness and diet revolution is a total failure," she says. "My major focus is to get this country to a point of awareness that will help to change that."

—Lauren Young



that I'll have to retire from someday. However, I can't even consider retiring. I don't have deep interests outside my job that would be meaningful enough for me to devote myself to; whereas I find my job meaningful and interesting. I just can't envision myself happily retired. In addition, having had children in my 30s, who have just finished college, and having started a new profession in my 40s, I haven't saved money. I won't be able to afford retirement for many years. Classmates, if you have been thinking about this, write to us.

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makes **Sheila Insoft Weinstein** a new grandmother and me a great-aunt! Sarah's mommy is Janet Weinstein-Zanger '92.

Congratulations to **Linda Rappaport Ferber**, who, in October 2001, received the Lawrence Fleischman Award for Scholarly Excellence in the field of American Art History from the Archives of American Art of the Smithsonian Institution. Linda is the Mellon Curator of American Art at the Brooklyn Museum of Art.

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**67** **Alice Mae Kerman DeLucia** is continuing to teach French in Manchester, N.H. Her husband, Michael, is an attorney in Concord, N.H. Alice has two children in college, and a son in high school.

Congratulations to **Carol Dweck**, a professor of psychology at Columbia, who was elected to the American Academy of Arts and Sciences and inducted in an October ceremony.

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**68** Believe it or not, some of us are starting to plan next year's Reunion (our 35th!) already. So far, the plan is to have a class dinner on campus on Friday night and a cocktail party off-campus somewhere before the all-class gala dinner on Saturday. Of course, there will be mailings about all of these things, but we'd like some advance information, if you please, to help with the planning.

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1. You plan to come to Reunion;
2. You have or know of a venue close to the College for our Saturday evening cocktail party (the place should be large enough to accommodate 75 to 100 people);
3. You have an idea for a theme or activity for our class dinner on Friday night (hormone replacement therapy, sandwich generation, financial planning, middle age,

etc.—choose one of these great ideas or add your own!);

4. You have the name of a professor or other such personage whom you'd like us to invite to Reunion.

We want Reunion 2003 to be the best ever, but we can only do it with your assistance. Tell us what you want and if you'd like to volunteer to help. Let's have a 35th Reunion that we will all remember fondly in years to come.

By the way, did you know that our class has its own Web page? Well, it does. The address is [www.barnard.edu/alum/1968.html](http://www.barnard.edu/alum/1968.html). I don't know exactly what will be on it when you access it, but it will definitely have some Reunion information. Speaking of computers, when you get to our Web page, if you haven't already given the alumnae office your e-mail address, please do so. We're trying to trying to enter the electronic age!

Congratulations and best wishes to Toni Crowley Coffee '56 on her retirement. She was delightful to deal with and I will miss her seemingly effortless coordination of columns, deadlines and late-breaking news.

Jeff and I are experiencing empty-nest syndrome now that our son, Sam, is a freshman at Boston University. Sam is very excited; we went there for orientation earlier this summer and he fell in love with the city. Not surprising since Jeff and I lived there for two years in the late 1970s and Miriam was born there, and we are always singing its praises. It will be an interesting change for the whole family.

Many of you have, no doubt, had life-changing experiences in the past few years. Please tell us about them. The upheaval isn't as unsettling when it's shared with others.

**Pat Harrigan Nadosy**, at long last, writes in with some news! "This June I finally finished my dissertation on 'The antioxidant diterpenoids of *Rosmarinus officinalis*' and received my Ph.D. from CUNY (The Graduate Center) in Biology (Plant Sciences). My knowledge is more phytochemical than botanical, but I hope to pursue a more traditional botanical path in the future. There was a nice write-up about my research (with lots of Barnard references) in the latest issue of *CUNT Matters*.

After I left JP Morgan in 1985, I simultaneously returned to Barnard to recreate an undergraduate biology major and started my own currency options consulting firm. I had spent 15 years at JP Morgan

**66** Eight members of our class's 35th Reunion committee met in late June to discuss the possibility of a mini-reunion. Organized by **Susan Weis Mindel**, the group included **Susan Halper**, **Janet Levitt Zalkin**, **Lynne Moriarty Langlois**, **Leah Seltzer Tarlow**, **Phyllis Shapiro Hantman**, **Nancy Tally Polevoy** and myself. We all had a terrific time and decided that we'd like to have a class brunch on the Sunday morning of next year's Reunion weekend. Anyone want to host? Help plan?

**Susan Halper** reported that her 12-year-old daughter, Katie Idda, was a great hit as Levi, one of Joseph's brothers, in "Joseph," her Hebrew school's musical. Susan enjoyed her 40th reunion of the High School of Music and Art, and saw **Eileen Lewis-Lurin** at the school's new Lincoln Center campus (Eileen's husband is a Music and Arts alumnus). Susan had another special reunion when she met with Tom Messer, director of the Guggenheim Museum, who had taught an art history course at Barnard. Susan also keeps in touch with **Leslie Perlman Glassberg**, whose daughter, Hope, is a Columbia student.

Following the destruction by fire of **Phyllis Shapiro Hantman's** Rockaway, N.J., home, plans have been drafted for a replacement but a builder has yet to be found. Meanwhile, Phyllis is delighting in her two wonderful grandchildren.

Speaking of grandchildren, the April birth of Sarah Grace Weinstein-Zanger



after business school, but I “burned out”—actually I just wore out—after trading currency options at too old an age! I found science challenging and a welcoming departure from the pressure cooker of Wall Street.

My husband, Peter, and I have three daughters, Meghan, Andrea and Lara. Meghan graduated from Amherst in 2001 as an English major, but decided after 9/11 to become a therapist and is beginning graduate studies in psychology; Andrea is a senior at Harvard and is a biology/anthropology major. We couldn't convince them to apply to Barnard since they were both 13-year veterans of Brearley, a single-sex private school in New York City. Lara will be a ninth grader at the Trevor Day School in New York City—since it's a co-ed school, I'm hopeful that she'll consider Barnard.

After spending so much time in the late 1980s studying biology and chemistry at Barnard, I became a trustee of the College the same year that Judith Shapiro became president. I've been fortunate to serve during an exciting period for the College. Getting to know the administration, faculty, students, and fellow trustees has been extremely rewarding. I can't believe our 35th Reunion is upon us! **Karen Mandell Fleiss** and I enjoyed our 30th, and know the 35th will be just as exciting, if not more!”

**Lucy Kantrowitz Frank** wrote *The Annoyance Bureau* (see “Books, etc.,” page 18). **Susan Kristal Wine** hosted an AABC reception in October at the SoHo branch of her wine store Vintage New York. Cathy Horyn '78, editor of *Bare Blass* and fashion critic for *The New York Times*, was the featured speaker.

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year and is developing and implementing a very successful reading program here in New York City public and parochial schools. Joanna's son, Noah, is in a Ph.D. program in neuroscience at University of Pennsylvania.

**Emily Prager** and her daughter, LuLu, are featured in the article on international adoption, page 26.

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**70 Louise Stevenson** is a professor of history and American studies at Franklin and Marshall College. She presented a talk on campus about radio's effect on American from 1920 to 1935. The presentation was largely based on Stevenson's interviews with older woman and how radio programs influenced their lives.

**Melanie Washburn Braun** performed at the annual Lenten Meditation Concert in March at the Church of the Atonement in Tenafly, N.J. Melanie is the musical director and organist at the church. She also finds time to perform with her husband and in local chamber music events, as well as Israel and Finland.

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**71 (Agavni) Pontish Zambak Yermyan** was featured in *Eastern Pennsylvania Business Journal* for her work as president and chief executive officer of Gap International Inc., a consulting firm she founded in 1978 in Springfield, Mass.

**Barbara Bernstein** was profiled in *Northwest News* for her work as a radio commentator, as well as the release of her CD “Maps on Memory.”

**Anne Klibanski Sobermann** writes to share her most recent achievement, being presented the 2002 Clinical Investigators Award from The Endocrine Society in June. The Endocrine Society is the world's oldest, largest and most active

organization devoted to research on hormones and the clinical practice of endocrinology. The award is presented annually to an internationally recognized clinical investigator for major contributions to clinical research related to the pathogenesis, pathophysiology and therapy of endocrine disease. Anne studied the relationship between pituitary disorders and osteoporosis, including the clear demonstration that the deleterious effects on skeletal integrity can be reversed with appropriate therapy. She lectured the organization's annual meeting and also received a mentor award from Women in Endocrinology.

Anne is a professor of medicine at Harvard Medical School and director of the neuroendocrine unit of the Massachusetts General Hospital. She received her M.D. degree in 1975 from New York University School of Medicine. She remained in New York City serving as intern, resident and senior resident in medicine at Bellevue Hospital. In 1978, Anne moved to Boston, where she became a clinical and research fellow at Massachusetts General Hospital. In 1980, Anne became a clinical and research fellow within the thyroid unit of Massachusetts General Hospital. In 1989, she became chief of the neuroendocrine unit. She also was the first woman professor of medicine at Harvard Medical School.

**Rebecca Trachtenberg Alpert**, co-director of women's studies at Temple University in Philadelphia, is featured in the article on female rabbis, page 31.

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**72** This is a short column as everyone sent stuff in for Reunion and then pretty much left me high and dry. I have more sad news to report—**Ellen Harriet Schalekamp-Datloff** died in June in Rotterdam, where she had been living. **Rachel Theilheimer** sent information about Ellen. She attended Ellen's funeral on July 4 along with **Joanne Sliker**. Friends of Ellen from the Holland Barnard Club also attended and **Judith Frishman's** husband conducted the service. Rachel put more information together with other friends of Ellen and shares it with us on page 64.

**Amy Persky** wrote that she wants e-mails and I put it in a slightly wrong address—but she won't get anything unless

**69 Joanna Gough Roy** writes in to tell us about her growing freelance career doing illustrations, design and editing, not to mention teaching knitting. Her daughter, Sarah, graduated from City College last

it's right! Her correct e-mail address is: amypersk@012.net.il. News on **Isabel Hyde Jasinowski** was sent in by Goodyear Tire & Rubber Co., where she has been made a corporate officer. As vice president for government relations and Goodyear's senior official in Washington, D.C., Isabel has represented Goodyear's public policy positions on a wide range of global issues. She and her husband, Jerry, have two children.

**Lisa Schnitzer Plavin's** daughter graduated from Simmons College during our Reunion weekend—so she has a good excuse for not attending. **Danita (Kita) McVay** and her daughter, Elizabeth who attends Columbia, dropped in on us during the whirlwind of my daughter, Dana, unpacking from Argentina and re-packing for Duke. Both girls are going into their senior year of college and contemplating the future with some trepidation. Both Kita and I agreed that you can make plans—but then you ultimately wing it. Take care. Please write.

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**73** Last issue, based on various newspaper articles, I reported that Betty Teller is director of exhibitions at COPIA: The American Center for Wine, Food & the Arts in Napa, Calif. I recently received an e-mail from Betty describing COPIA and her job in more detail. COPIA is located on 12 acres on the river in downtown Napa and is surrounded with edible organic gardens. Betty organizes, designs and installs about 12 exhibitions a year, and also works on COPIA's publications. Betty curated the permanent exhibition, *Forks in the Road*, which looks at the place of food in American life. Opening a new institution was both challenging and fun. After almost 20 years at the Smithsonian in Washington, D.C., Betty says she has become a "California chick," complete with convertible, and is enjoying her beautiful surroundings. She describes Napa as "paradise" and anyone who has ever visited that area of the country would agree with that assessment. The Web site for COPIA is [www.copia.org](http://www.copia.org) and Betty invites her classmates to check it out and come visit the museum.

After almost 30 years, **Debra Turkat** has sent in her first news to the magazine. Debra recently received an MSW and is

completing an internship at the Texas Medical Center in Houston. She hopes to combine her new degree with her MBA and find a position in health care administration. Debra has a daughter and a son who started college in the fall.

**Jane Humenuk** has also recently renewed her contacts with Barnard. She spent four years at Barnard as a political science major before moving to Hawaii and finishing her degree there. After six years in Hawaii, Jane moved to Pennsylvania and received a master's in political science from Pennsylvania State University and then went to Rutgers in search of a Ph.D. She gave up her studies when she had a baby, who is now 13. Jane and her family live in Highland Park, N.J., and she teaches pre-school.

**Marian Sabety** has launched her own strategic consulting firm, The Flywheel Group, supporting strategic planning and technology program management. She lives in Washington, D.C. I look forward to seeing everyone next spring at our 30th Reunion!

**Myra Alpersen** and her daughter, Sadie, are featured in the article on international adoption, page 26.

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**74** **Kathy Hieatt** reports that it is "mildly disconcerting to be pushing 50 with a son going into third grade." She notes that her Barnard education is proving useful in surprising ways. "I remember vividly Professor Cobb, in his Behavioral Psychology class, relating how to get a child to clean up his room by saying that any toys still left on the floor in 20 minutes would get thrown away." I took that class also, but unfortunately all my kids are slob—guess I should have taken better notes.

**Cynthia Tucker** has begun to walk regularly with **Linda Schartup Goodman** since meeting at an opening of the Wadsworth Atheneum in Hartford, Conn., several years ago. Linda lives and works in the Hartford area with her two children.

**Karen Lee** has been settled for some time in south London, where she has raised her two children and worked in the field of mental health, specializing in the inclusion of disadvantaged people in the workplace. She manages a work project based on a radical and sustainable model for a United Kingdom mental health charity. Having

been out of touch with Barnard classmates for 27 years, Karen would welcome updates, particularly the old friends at Minor Latham Playhouse (you know who you are). Karen and Carol Hess Vait '75 worked together at Miracles at Glastonbury Season, sponsored by Barnard Trustees—and Carol is still dancing.

**Anna Quindlen's** new novel *Blessings* hit bookstores in September (see "Books, etc.," page 18).

My daughter, Rebecca (CC '01), entered Harvard Law School this fall.

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**75** **Solange De Santis** was awarded first prize in the category "Treatment of a News Event" in the Canadian Church Press awards for 2001. Solange won for her coverage in the *Anglican Journal* of the crisis facing Canadian churches as a result of lawsuits filed over alleged and proven abuse suffered by former students of Indian residential schools. She is a freelance writer and works part time as a reporter for the *Anglican Journal*, the national newspaper of the Anglican Church of Canada.

**Barbara Kapnick** writes from her seat on a very distinguished bench. She was elected in November of last year to a 14-year term as a Justice of the Supreme Court at the State of New York, New York County.

**Mary Ciccarello** is in Salt Lake City, where she is the Legal Services Developer for Utah's Division of Aging and Adult Services. She recently organized a series of presentations on "Integrating End of Life" issues and was delighted when the distinguished guest expert she brought in from Hawaii turned out to be a fellow alumna Joanna Crocker '72. Joanna works on *koku mau*, which, for those of you who don't speak Hawaiian, means continuous care.

**Carol Carothers** lives in Rockland, Maine. She used to be a mental health administrator but is now in private practice in addition to being executive director of the National Alliance for the Mentally Ill of Maine.

**Joy Levitt**, associate executive director at the Jewish Community Center in Manhattan, is featured in the article on female rabbis, page 31.

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**76** **Linda Prado Amnawah** wrote *Paco's Memories*, a collection of four fictional stories told by an elderly Puerto Rican man (see "Books, etc.," page 18).

Our condolences go out to **Amy Patrice Goldman** and to her sister, Jane H. Goldman '76, and their families for the loss of their mother, Lillian Goldman, who passed away in August.

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**77** It's a pleasure to be writing this column again. I can't remember exactly how many stints I've had as class correspondent in the past 25 years, but it's a familiar feeling to be sitting down at the keyboard again, looking for news to print. Many thanks to **Ruth Leibowitz**, who ably served as correspondent during the past five years. I fear my distance from New York City will prevent me from tackling classmates as they pass through subway turnstiles—as Ruth has been known to do in the quest for news. On a personal note, my husband, David Gorman (CC '77), is currently serving as correspondent for his class in *Columbia College Today*. I wonder how many other husband-and-wife class correspondent teams there are!

We learned more about some classmates from The Barnard Fund Phonathon. **Martha Dalto McCann** teaches English as a Second Language at Westwood High School. She and her husband, Tim, live in Teaneck, N.J., with their two children, ages 9 and 12. **Jami Fields** lives on the Upper West Side and is "still working away in consumer marketing" at Time, Inc. Magazines. And **Hannah Dresner** married Ross Andelman and relocated to Berkeley, Calif.

The following information is drawn and summarized from submissions to the class Reunion book: **Lavinia Lorch** is assistant dean in Columbia's Scholars and Fellowships Office, advising students who are applying to British universities through national fellowship programs. She and her husband, Michael, have two children, Fiamma, 10, and Tristan, 6. **Rhonda Lubka** lives in Los Angeles, where she practices head and neck surgery at Kaiser Permanente and enjoys hiking and backpacking in the southern Sierras. She and her husband have a son and daughter, both 11, as they are twins. **Suzanne Monaco Urso** is a tax accountant for H&R Block.

She and her husband, Louis, celebrated their 25th anniversary and have lived in many places, the latest being the Philadelphia area. Their older son, Matthew, graduated from the University of Pittsburgh and their younger son, Michael, is attending Temple University.

**Jane Roffis Fujinaka** lives in Los Angeles with her husband and two sons, 10 and 12. She is "attempting to write a book" but notes that "raising my children has been my main activity." **Susan Weber Soros** founded and directs the Bard Graduate Center for Studies in the Decorative Arts, Design and Culture. She and her husband, George, have two sons, 14 and 16. **Lori Weintraub**, living in Beverly Hills, is president of Inside Sessions, a joint venture between the Universal Music Group and Penguin Putnam. The company produces distance learning programs for people interested in writing, publishing and the music industry. She and her husband, Edgar Veytia, have two sons.

**Nancy Elliott** is director of Montclair Breast Center. She was honored in October along with Susan Ablon Cole '62 at a dinner given by the Montclair Economic Development Corp.

**Sunia Zatterman**, who lives in Silver Spring, Md., thoroughly enjoyed her 25th Reunion experience. She writes, "It was the first time I spent three consecutive days not focused on my mom, wife or work responsibilities since my son, Aaron, was born, shortly after our 20th Reunion. I continue serving as the executive director of the Council of Large Public Housing Authorities in Washington, D.C., a national non-profit dedicated to research, policy development and legislative action on low-income housing issues. The work is rewarding yet frustrating given the political climate in Washington. However, parenting has been an unqualified joy. I'm looking forward to taking another three days off for our 30th Reunion."

**Ellen Kushner** has two works listed in the new "Books, etc." section (formerly "Ex Libris") on page 18: *The Fall of the Kings*, which she co-wrote with Delia Sherman and a CD of "The Golden Dreydl; A Klezmer Nutcracker for Chanukah," which she recorded with Shirim Klezmer Orchestra. Author **Tama Janowitz** and her daughter, Willow, are featured in the article on international adoption, page 26.

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**78** Elizabeth Horan was mortified to see cobwebs in my mailbox. She did not send cleaning products. However, she did send news for the column:

"I'm newly promoted to professor and chair of the department of English at Arizona State University," she e-mails. "It seems like an enormous job, so I'd appreciate hearing from other Barnard alumnae who are or have been chairs of large academic departments. My family consists of my husband of 22 years, Paul Skilton, and our daughter Molly, 10."

**Emily Gaylord Martinez** was similarly concerned about the condition of my mailbox. Did she offer to come by with a mop? Sadly, no. But she too sent news. "Everything is great with me. I now work for the Hon. Carol A. Stokinger in Bronx Family Court. Finding a decent lunch in that neighborhood is tough, but there are other more pressing problems."

Emi went on to explain that she is the judge's "court attorney," and that she and the judge have been busy since early 2002 getting the "Model Court" off the ground. "The Model Court was an initiative that was the result of federal legislation passed in 1999-2000; essentially, federal funding spurred states to develop ways to get children out of foster care sooner either by returning them home to their parents (if it was safe to do so) or, by terminating parental rights so that children could be freed for adoption. The bottom line is that I am the first one in our team who sits with parents, the attorneys and the caseworker. Suffice it to say that I feel challenged by my job and actually look forward to getting up and going to work in the morning!!"

Life for Emi otherwise is "hectic," with husband, Henry, still doing major construction on their two homes, one in College Point, the other in Putnam Valley.

Meanwhile, **Mindy Steinberg Agler** sent a card—not a feather duster in sight—with an update on "the kids," even though one of those "kids" is 20 (the others are 17 and 13). "I'm working as a therapist in a drug treatment facility and really enjoying the challenge," she writes. Husband Rich's congregation has grown to 1,200 families.

**Natalie Angier** and Tim Folger co-edited *The Best American Science & Nature Writing 2002* (see "Books, etc.," page 18). **Cathy Horyn**, editor of *Bare Blass* by Bill Blass, was the featured speaker at an AABC event in October. The event was held at Vintage New York, a wine store

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Our 25th Reunion is coming up next year. You'll soon hear from our class volunteers regarding giving to Barnard in honor of the 25th. Please give. It feels great! And, come to Reunion—I want to see you!

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apart in *Behind the Burqa: Our Life in Afghanistan and How We Escaped to Freedom* (see "Books, etc.," page 18).

Here in Haddonfield, the restoration of my 1859 Italianate house continues. I have also completed the 2003 update of my first book, *Designing An Effective OSHA Compliance Program*, and am writing a novel, which provides me with intellectual relaxation, as I worry about the lives of characters who resemble people I know, but whose problems don't really exist, after all. In June, we hosted a lecture led by Jesse Levitt, professor of linguistics at University of Connecticut, at the suggestion of my good friend and neighbor, his daughter, Dr. Lorraine Levitt Katz '84.

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**79** It was an exciting summer for our classmates. **Lisa Cohen Ekus** has expanded her Massachusetts publicity company's services to include literary agenting for cookbook authors and on-line marketing. Her Web site, [www.chefadventures.com](http://www.chefadventures.com), showcases new cookbooks, recipes, chefs and culinary sites, and celebrated its first anniversary this spring. Lisa has sold 20 projects to publishers since establishing the literary agency component of her company in January 2001.

She was one of the featured speakers at The Symposium for Professional Food Writer's Conference at the Greenbrier in West Virginia and at the International Association of Culinary Professional's annual meeting in San Diego in April. She presented at the Personal Chefs conference in Orlando and at the Society for Independent Restaurateurs Association in Chicago. On a personal note, Lisa remarried in October 2001—husband, David Saffer, and his son, Max, 18, join Lisa and her two daughters, Sally, 17, and Amelia, 13.

**Eleanor (Batya) Swift Yagur**, Dr. Gregory Henderson and Allan Warshowsky co-wrote *Women at Risk: The HPV Epidemic and Your Cervical Health*. She also worked with "Sulima" and "Hala," two sisters, who fled Afghanistan 20 years

**81** Hi, everyone! We have some happy updates. **Donna Tsufura**, now a filmmaker, was included in a program on Asian women filmmakers in June. Her latest film, "Death and Peanuts," will be part of the 25th Asian American International Film Festival to be presented at the Asia Society.

**Sharon Kleinbaum**, leader of New York City's Congregation Beth Simchat Torah, is featured in the article on female rabbis, page 31. **Anne Raeff** writes that her novel, *Clara Mondschein's Melancholia*, was published (see "Books, etc.," page 18).

**Mary Elizabeth Bongiovi** and her husband, Reuben Garcia, brought a new baby girl into the world in July and say they're already saving the date for graduation in Barnard's Class of 2023. Mary Elizabeth was planning on taking a five-month leave from her job as a unit chief at the New York State Psychiatric Institute.

**Abby Gantell Cynamon** celebrated her 11th anniversary to Jeff Cynamon. They have two children, Greta, 10, and Ben, 6. Abby was promoted to assistant general counsel/supervisor of the General Jurisdiction Division of the General Counsel's Office for the Eleventh Judicial Circuit, State of Florida. That's a mouthful!

To put it more simply, she does legal research for pending cases and supervises seven other attorneys. She's also active in several civic and professional organizations, including the Florida Association for Women Lawyers and the North Beach Elementary PTA.

Our beloved former class correspondent, **Wendy White**, has bought her first home with husband, Roland Ruocco, in Starlight Towers in Lauderdale by the Sea, just a half-mile from their New Light Gallery. "We're on the beach, so please drop by," she writes. **Rita Gunther McGrath** is working on a second book, a follow-up to *The Entrepreneurial Mindset*, and is getting ready for her oldest child to start high school. "Gulp!" she says. I have book news as well. My first book, *Infinite Grace*, is being published as a paperback in December as *How People Heal*. **Barbara Marks Fitter** also has book news. In fact, she creates book news as a publicist for Crown Publishing Group, a division of Random House. She specializes in design and lifestyle books and we recently connected over Carolyn Myss's new book, *Sacred Contracts*, which is inspiring. It turns out Barbara and I also crossed paths several years ago when I was a contributing editor launching a summer fiction series for *USA Weekend*, and Barbara was representing an author we wanted to contact. Barbara and I didn't know we were both Barnard grads then! One of the perks of becoming class correspondent is getting more connected. It's a perk we all share. So please write in and tell us what you're up to. Inquiring minds want to know! Plus, e-mail makes connecting so easy.

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**82** At our 20th Reunion in May, a number of us noted with particular respect the many alumnae from earlier years who also attended. **Dina Morello Fuehrmann** wrote especially of the 50th Reunion class, "So many women, who accomplished so much at a time when it wasn't easy, and still had the interest to come back to Barnard. Wow." Dina writes that she is about to celebrate a "uniquely German wedding anniversary, namely the 12-1/2 year Parsley Anniversary," to which friends come uninvited for a potluck celebration. Dina and her husband have three children, "one of whom might attend



Barnard in 10 years," with the others too busy playing soccer to think about it! Dina works as a translator for a German government agency and also helps her husband with his catering business.

Reunion panelist **Cathy Winks** says that "hearing my co-panelists' stories certainly convinced me of the continued need for women's colleges." Cathy updated her book, *The Good Vibrations Guide to Sex: The Most Complete Sex Manual Ever Written* (third edition), "a comprehensive, feminist sex manual," which, she points out, will be out just in time to fulfill your holiday shopping needs!

**Maria Manuche Allen**, another Reunion attendee, lives in Manhattan with her three children and she works at the Corcoran Group in residential sales. Maria says, "I'm grateful to be living in New York City raising my children here while working full time."

We have lots of law news! **Arlene McCarthy** lives in Rockville, Md., with her daughter, Colleen, 15. After teaching legal writing for several years (most recently at American University's Washington College of Law), Arlene returned to law practice as a staff attorney with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission in Washington, D.C.

**Grace Dodier** lives in Chicago with her husband, Bill Green, a member of the faculty at the University of Chicago's medical school, and their 8-year-old triplets, Willa, Charlotte and Nathaniel. Grace is a clinical assistant professor of law at Northwestern. Four years ago, the triplets were the flower children at the Chicago wedding of physician Sarah Pressman Lovinger '84 to physician David Lovinger. They have a 3-year-old daughter, Natalie.

Also in clinical legal education, **Suzanne Levitt** reports that she has been teaching law for the past 12 years and is currently the executive director of clinical programs and the director of the Middleton Center for Children's Rights at Drake Law School in Des Moines, Iowa.

One of our up-and-coming lawyers, **Katherine Stern**, reports, "I've just had a baby, my first—Isabel Allegra, born May 2. We'll both be attending law school at Yale in the fall; she'll be in the law school's day care center." After majoring in religion and Oriental studies at Barnard and earning a Ph.D. in comparative literature, Katherine has returned to school to study human rights and environmental law. (It's always good to see another Barnard alumna involved in human rights work!) She

welcomes contact with alumnae who might be in New Haven.

**Jennifer Hoult** writes that she will finish her J.D. at New York University Law next spring. She is working on a book on sex crimes statutes and continues her professional life as a harpist in New York City, mostly on Broadway.

**Melita Rines** has lived in San Francisco for the past seven years. She is planning to return to law school to finish her degree and says she is "on the mend" from a recent serious illness. She works in the corporate offices of Clemco Industries ("the world's largest distributor of abrasive blast equipment") and reports, "No kids, no marriages, but fairly happy!"

**Rosa Alonso**, who ended her term as President of the AABC, will remain on the Board of Trustees and several of its committees. She just changed jobs and will be joining AT&T Wireless in the newly created position of director and segment leader for multicultural marketing, where she will develop targeted ad campaigns in the Paramus, N.J. office.

**Savitri Sophonpanich** reports that she is "married with three children" and now goes by the last name Ramyarupa. She is a managing director of Emporium Suites in Bangkok.

**Cathryn Devons**, M.D., MPH, and her husband, Robert Pordy, M.D., also have three children, Rachel, 2, and twins Jessica and Matthew, 10 months, who Cathy says enjoyed the children's programs at Reunion. Cathy is an assistant professor of geriatrics at Mount Sinai and director of geriatric services at Phelps Hospital in Sleepy Hollow, N.Y.

Poet, dramaturg, translator and singer/songwriter **Wanda Phipps** lives in Brooklyn with her long-time partner and experimental filmmaker, Joel Schlemowitz. Wanda performs with her band, translates Ukrainian poetry and does much writing about poetry performance, experimental theatre and the arts for Web journals and e-zines. She has published original poetry in books and literary journals, was a co-recipient of a Meet the Composer/International Creative Collaborations Program Grant and has won a number of arts awards. She recently released a CD-ROM, "Zither Mood" (Faux Press).

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in International Assignment Management, very relevant to my job as global human resources director for Human Rights Watch.

**Lisa Ferretti** writes, "I wanted to attend Reunion. Instead I was in New York City that weekend—the weekend following closing ceremonies at Ground Zero—for a very different reunion: that of Ground Zero volunteers." Lisa, a social worker, says it was "a joy and an honor" to provide massage therapy to recovery workers in the respite center at St. Paul's Church, and to be able to call upon her skills in bereavement counseling.

## CLASS NOTES DEADLINES

Winter 2003  
Monday, November 4

Spring 2003  
Monday, February 3

Summer 2003  
Monday, May 19  
(Reunion classes—Monday,  
June 9)

A number of classmates wrote about the challenging balancing act between career and family. **Erica Zolberg**, mother of Max, 5, and Leo, 11 months, writes, "After taking six months off from my job as a producer at the Weekend Editions of the 'CBS Evening News,' I negotiated to come back to work part-time in June. It just seemed too daunting to share my prior limited amount of free time between two children."

**Mary Lopez** is a sales representative for Aventis Pharmaceuticals, with a focus on diabetes. She won a "Commitment to Excellence" award at her regional business planning meeting and was promoted to professional sales associate, and says she's in the market for a part-time nanny!

Vacation news: **Ingrid Geis** reports that she and husband, Steven, spent a week sailing in July with sons Conor, 6, and Ryan, 4. Ingrid says, "The boys were real troopers during the rather rough 13-hour crossing from Gloucester to Provincetown in 6 to 7 foot swells. We spoiled them once we got to Provincetown—hard to believe how much ice cream and salt water taffy two kids can consume!"

In the new "Books, etc." section (formerly "Ex Libris") on page 18, you'll find *Reproductions of the Empty Flagpole*, poems by **Eileen Tabios** and *The Good Vibrations Guide to Sex: The Most Complete Sex Manual Ever Written* (third edition), by Cathy Winks and Anne Seamans.

Finally, our new class president, **Gloria Galloway**, writes that her family spent summer vacation time in Washington, D.C., and at the Michigan lakes. She says, "Our children are at great ages and always a source of entertainment for the parents. Corey, 3, likes playing Batman or Superman where he can 'fight the bad guys,' and his older brother Nadeem, 9, is

very obliging as an occasional 'bad guy' getting wrestled to the ground." As we wish for all of you, Gloria concludes, "Life is busy but fun."

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**83** Saralyn Mark is senior medical advisor on women's health for NASA and the Department of Health and Human Services. She is also on the faculty in internal medicine and ob/gyn at Yale. She returned to Barnard in April for a program co-sponsored by the Biology Club, the Office of Career Development and the Undergraduate Biological Sciences Education Program of the Howard Hughes Medical Institute.

**Johanna Youner** is a podiatrist in Manhattan and director of the podiatry clinic at New York University Downtown Hospital. She was featured in an article on shoes in *The New York Times* in June and was quoted in two articles in *Nails* magazine in June.

**Marci Pliskin** and her partner, Renee Russak, welcomed the birth of their daughter, Isabel Beatrice, on January 10, 2001. They are enjoying life in Seattle.

**Julia Lisella**, who finished her Ph.D. at Tufts in May 2001, is a poet and a literary critic and works as a lecturer in history and literature at Harvard. She lives in Medford, Mass., with her husband, Ed Kleifgen, and their two children, Renata, 8, and Carl, 1.

**Angela D'Agostaro Ogle** writes that after nearly 20 years in the photographic and specialty chemicals industries in research, marketing and sales, she is now retired and living in Knoxville, Tenn., with husband Jeff, daughter Sara Rose, 2, and son, John Sebastian, 7 months. Angela credits Barnard College for giving her a "clear voice and confidence" to stand up for women's rights in connection with day care issues that arose in her community.

**Amy Wallk Katz**, adult learning coordinator of the Central Agency for Jewish Education in Overland Park, Kan., is featured in the article on female rabbis, page 31.

Co-class correspondent **Renata Pompa** and husband, Don Broderick, are

"absolutely delighted" to announce the birth of their daughter, Sabrina Alessandra Broderick (7 pounds, 2 ounces), on June 21. Her family "beat the heat" in New York City this summer by escaping to their weekend house in the Berkshires as much as possible! In fact, Sabrina may have been the youngest person to have enjoyed the Fourth of July festivities at Tanglewood.

And finally, I (**Azita Silvershein**) have some good news to share. My husband, Rob, and I are proud to announce the birth of our son, Ethan Philip, on May 18. Ethan arrived three weeks early and caught us by surprise. He joins his big sister Alexa, 5, started kindergarten this September. We are enjoying life in Manhattan Beach, Calif.

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**84** We heard from a number of you, which is great! It's heartening to hear that friends keep growing, developing and changing, even as many of us approach or have achieved a milestone this year—our 40th birthdays! What comes through loud and clear from your letters is that life is a journey, and we're developing and forging our own special paths. Thanks for the news and keep it coming!

We received great news about new additions to families. First, **Kristina Piirmae** and her husband, Karl, welcomed their second daughter, Annika, into the world in July. Big sister Alexandra is excited to have a new baby in the house, and the family is adjusting happily to the new addition.

**Maureen Kedes** reported the arrival of her second child, Nolan, on January 12. **Alison Hanna-Helkamp** and husband, Mark, welcomed their first child, Kayla, into the world on November 23, 2001. This Thanksgiving baby is "very active, very adorable and very bright," according to unbiased reports. Alison is back to work full time at her internal medicine practice in Clearwater, Fla. Alison told us that **Mollie Katz Genberg** and husband, Gary, moved with their three kids from Seattle to Lexington, Mass., in the sum-



mer. Mollie is an "incredibly hard-working full-time mom" who has proved an invaluable resource to Alison in Kayla's first year. This is fortunate, since newborns rarely come with a user's manual!

**Amy Morishima McLeod** tells us that the recent years have been very exciting for her. Since May 2000, Amy writes, "My life has been a fantastic adventure. As previously reported, I met my husband, Bill, in May 2000, got engaged in October of that year, got married in June 2001, then completed my internal medicine and pediatrics residency at the end of the same month. A few days later, I moved into our house in Morristown, N.J. To continue our wonderful journey, I opened a medical practice in Parsippany with a friend in March. I continue to use Amy Morishima professionally. Then on May 9, our daughter, Mary Hisayo McLeod was born." Wow, I'm tired just reading this! Amy tells us that her sister, Alyssa Morishima Moore '86, and her husband, Ed, had a son on March 14, Takashi Christopher Moore. Big sister, Mariko, is now 4.

Many alumnae continue to grow and transition into new phases of their lives. **Avis Hinkson** wrote that she'll be returning to school after being away from the classroom for 15 years! She'll be starting a doctoral program at University of Pennsylvania in higher education management while still working full time at Mills College in California! She will fly across the country once a month for classes. She recently had a great visit with **Karen Pantan Walking Eagle** during a trip to Washington, D.C. **Linda Schmoldt** left Manhattan last year, ironically on 9/10, for Chapel Hill, N.C. She reports that she is finding North Carolina to be "charming" and populated largely by "ex-Yankees." She works at Armacell, LLC, an international plastics company. Linda says that she took her cue from the opening scene of "The Graduate"—plastics is the future. She works in sales, where a lot of her clients are "guys named Ray or Scottie, who own stores in Arkansas, Texas and Missouri." Her customers think that she talks "really fast"—the New York legacy, no doubt! Linda can be reached at [Linschmo@yahoo.com](mailto:Linschmo@yahoo.com), and would love to hear from any Barnard grads in the area.

**Mindy Siegel Ohringer** says she is almost done with her novel (after more than two years of work) and hopes to find an agent willing to represent it. It's a coming-of-age story about a teenage girl in Great Neck who has lived in the shadow of

her older, charismatic political activist brother and the left-wing politics of her parents. Working on this has been preferable to writing a dissertation. Mindy's husband finally relocated back to Cortlandt Street this month. He still hasn't walked passed the WTC site and probably won't for a long time.

Their son, Noah Justin, is almost 10, in the fifth grade and won the E.M. Baker (his K-5 public school) geography bee sponsored by National Geographic. Mindy has adjusted to suburban life (learned to drive at 35) as well as I'm going to. With the help of a friend, she launched a thriving book club of nine women. The differences among the members (age, class, marital status, employment, career trajectory, education, political affiliation) pose significant challenges but the common ground is the desire to connect and learn and be inspired.

Mindy also reports that she saw Chloe Katz (1-year-old daughter of **Lorraine Levitt Katz**) at her first birthday party. Lorraine's son, Daniel, 5, started kindergarten this year. Lorraine is a pediatric endocrinologist working at Children's Hospital of Philadelphia. Her research project on Type II diabetes has received funding from NIH. **Linda Raven Loddington** visited the good old USA this summer after a two-year absence this summer. **Eve Shalley**, Lynn and their families had a great reunion—catching up and letting their girls play together and become friends. **Kristina Piirimae** was also supposed to join but went into labor early! Linda has re-invented her career. Aside from doing marketing and public relations work for the UN, she is also a freelance writer specializing in parenting issues. She is a former editor and contributing writer to the parenting Web site, ParentNetSweden.com. While Linda is a New Yorker at heart, she has been living in Europe for the past eight years. Linda, her Swedish husband, and daughter, 4, divide their time between Vienna, Austria and Stockholm, Sweden. She can be reached at [loddington@hotmail.com](mailto:loddington@hotmail.com).

**Pamela A. Moss** co-wrote with Kenneth A. Strike *Ethics and College Student Life: A Case Study Approach* and Writers Club Press published *Mrs. Papakakis and Aspasia: Two Novels* by **Florence Wetzel** (see "Books, etc.," page 18).

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**85 Julie Bokser** writes that she is the proud mom of Jake, born in May 2001. Julie and her husband, Jake, still live in Chicago, where Julie recently finished her second year as assistant professor of English at DePaul University.

**Jessica Chornesky's** project on women and aging, 70 Up, is featured on page 20.

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**86** Hello all! Each set of notes that I compile has a different set of achievements and perspectives; this is not a boring task! I continue to be amazed not only at the various ways in which we've grown, but at the myriad ways each person has developed. Many of us work in areas and specialties we never would have imagined in college. The Barnard spirit keeps me smiling!

**Rose Marie Arce** is doing very well, working at CNN as a producer and involved in helping with various 9/11 projects. She was, as many of us remember, one of the first TV journalists to report live from Ground Zero, so it's been a difficult year. **Michelle Lindholm-Benjamin** is settling into her new home in Dorchester, Mass.

**Laurie Gaughran** is teaching social studies and English at a New York City alternative public high school. She lives in Brooklyn with her husband and daughter, Adelaide, 2. **Esther Gelber** has spent the past few years renewing her contacts with Barnard by serving on the board of the Barnard Business and Professional Women's Society (BBPW) as their treasurer for the past two years and as their treasurer/secretary for the 2002-2003 year. After having worked for about 10 years as a project manager for a painting contractor, she has started a new job as a vice president for an electrostatic spray-painting contractor and enjoys the change. She writes that life at Barnard prepared her for a career in the construction industry: when she started there were very few women, but she felt that she was up to the challenge just the same. Go Barnard women!

**Helen M. Gleason** writes that she is a "joyous licensed massage therapist," working in medical massage and studying movement and dance in New York City.

She says she believes in global peace and writes poetry. **Ellen Levitt** exhibited her black and white photographs at SuperCore Café in Brooklyn over the summer. **Gail Cohen Schorsch** moved to Atlanta with her four children.

Congratulations to **Rachel Leventman Shwalb** on receiving her master of science in information systems from Northeastern University's Graduate School of Engineering in June.

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I wonder if New York was coined the city that never sleeps because someone spent a summer here and realized it's too hot and humid for anyone to get any comfortable shut-eye in the Big Apple. As I sweated it out in my un-air-conditioned home in New Jersey, I scraped together a bit of news from our classmates.

**Elizabeth Ferber**, a fellow New Yorker living in Katonah, is a freelance writer about to publish her 10th book. She and her husband, Josh, along with their two children, Gideon and Tallulah, went on a month-long trip to Thailand and traveled to Maine in August. To keep the creative juices flowing, Elizabeth is a decorator on the side. She enjoyed seeing **Neslihan Danisman**, who, along with her husband, Dave, and daughter, Baladine, live in Brooklyn.

**Deb Autor** accepted a position at the Food and Drug Administration as an associate director of the Office of Compliance of the Center for Drug Evaluation and Research (CDER). Prior to joining CDER, Deb spent seven years as a trial attorney with the Department of Justice, Office of Consumer Litigation. While there, in addition to prosecuting civil and criminal cases, she established several important precedents that expanded the FDA's regulatory authority. She lives in Silver Spring, Md., with her husband, Bill Burton.

In October 2001, **Dana Points** and

her husband, Mark Satlof (CC '86), welcomed their son, Leo Mire Satlof, into the world. Both Dana and Mark are enjoying the little one immensely!

**Kirsten Cowal** sent news that her son, Benjamin, was born on October 28, 2000, and she is now working at the Tinker Foundation in New York.

Speaking of sons, my husband, Michael, and I welcomed son no. 2 to the family on July 29. Francesco joins big brother, A.J., in outnumbering me 3-to-1 in the gender category here at home. I can't help but recall an unusual card I received at my bridal shower that was at the bottom of the "wishing well" full of gifts. It was from some little, old Italian relative who thought the well was just for wishes. It had one sentence scribbled at the bottom in almost illegible handwriting, "Figli Mascoli!" Which, translated, means "may you have many sons." Apparently, that is considered a cherished wish back in old Italia and I can't help but wonder if the signora put the hex on me. Mamma Mia!!!!

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I'm delighted to be your new class correspondent and look forward to hearing from all of you!

We are delighted to share the news of two marriages! **Franziska Klebe** celebrated her wedding with Charles Samuelson in August. Fransizska and her husband are law associates at Jenkins & Gilchrist Parker Chapin in New York City. **Virginia (Bay) Corbin Brown** married Kenneth Kurtz in September. Bay is the senior editor of *Architecture* magazine. Kenneth, a Columbia graduate, works as the resident architect at the Brooklyn Museum of Art.

Congratulations are also in order for **Alice Kornfeld**, who was appointed general counsel of the New York Chapter of the National Association of Women Business Owners. Alice is an attorney with Philips Nizer, a full-service firm specializing in international and domestic legal practice in New York.

**Ingalisa Schrobsdorff** exhibited her photography at the Mat Batter Gallery in New Jersey last May, alongside photography by her father. Ingalisa's photos focused on the people and architecture of Havana, Cienfuegos, Trinidad and Santiago de Cuba. Ingalisa's trip to Cuba is one of many she has taken, traveling the world

and photographing the countries she visits.

**Kellee Tsai** has been assistant professor of political science at Johns Hopkins University for the past two years. Her first book, *Back Alley Banking & Private Entrepreneurs*, was recently published by Cornell University Press (see "Books, etc.," page 18).

We also received news from **Christie Clifford-Salema** on life since Barnard. After graduating, Christie worked in marketing in the high-tech industry. She married her husband, Durval, in 1997, and moved to Kittery, Maine, which she calls "the perfect spot," being in close proximity to Portsmouth, N.H., and Boston. Christie gave birth to her son, Trevor, in 1999. Trevor was diagnosed with cystic fibrosis when he was four months old, and Christie has been an active fundraiser for the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation ([www.cff.org](http://www.cff.org)). Christie writes, "I'd love to hear from any other alumnae who are also living this strange, scary-at-times existence. Don't get me wrong, though. Life is good and things could be worse (bit of a mantra around here)."

Christie is in touch with friends from the Class of 1990 ("thank goodness for the Internet!"), including Mary Morgan Magee, Cara Testa Conniff, Laura Kosseim, Kathleen Land, Kelly Smith and Kelly Walsh Trevor.

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We received the first submission from **Dorothy Reynolds** (Drreynolds2001@aol.com). She writes: "Following graduation with a degree in art history and political science, I continued to work at the Museum of Modern Art in New York City for a couple of years, and then pursued my premedical requirements as a post-baccalaureate student in preparation for medical school. I completed my residency in ophthalmology at North Shore University Hospital in Great Neck, N.Y., and am beginning a one-year fellowship in pediatric ophthalmology at Children's National Medical Center in Washington, D.C. I greatly anticipate the many opportunities I will enjoy during my fellowship in D.C.; however I do regret the long distance in miles it will (temporarily) take me from my boyfriend of ten years. **Beth Jarrett** and I remain close friends, and visit as often as our busy lives allow."



**Nina Collins** (nina@collinsmc-cormick.com) writes: "I'm married to a physicist who now runs a hedge fund and we live in TriBeCa. We have four wonderful children. The three girls, Violet, Ella and Ruby attend Saint Ann's School in Brooklyn Heights and the baby boy, Bruno, is still at home. After six years running my own literary scouting company and then three years off (some graduate school, the baby, built a house), I recently came back to work as a literary agent in a new company I've formed."

**Lauren Cooper** (CoopL@aol.com) writes, "I moved from New York to Hong Kong with my husband, William Green, who just became deputy editor of *Time* magazine here (the Asia edition) with our two kids, Henry, 4, and Madeleine, who's over a year old. We're living in Repulse Bay, and I thought this would be a good way of finding any other alums who might be here."

**Jennifer Robinson** informs us that her essay "Normal Abnormal" is the lead essay in a newly published collection, *Split: Stories From a Generation Raised on Divorce*. The book was edited by Ava Chin, and published this fall by Contemporary Books.

**Alex Kuczynski** writes, "Life has been pretty great since I left Barnard. I have been a reporter at *The New York Times* for the last five years. It is the kind of job where even after five years I feel as if I should be paying them, not them paying me. I am writing a nonfiction book for Doubleday, and hope to finish the manuscript in the fall of 2003. And this winter I am going to marry Charles Stevenson, an incredibly wonderful, smart, eccentric and handsome man."

**Edwidge Danticat** wrote *Behind the Mountains* and **Lainie Blum Cogan** and Rabbi Judy Weiss co-wrote *Teaching Haftarah: Background, Insights and Strategies* (see "Books, etc.," page 18).

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and works in the field of Jewish education.

**Kathryn Branch** moved from New York City to Chapel Hill, N.C. to be closer to her family. Kathryn also left the legal profession to open a bookstore. "The bookstore is both really exciting and cool and really scary because I have no idea what I'm doing—fortunately it's more of the former, or I think I'd be insane by now," she said. She added that she'd love to hear from other folks in the area.

**Ann Goodwin** lives in Indianapolis with her husband, Matt Fisher, a law clerk on the Indiana Court of Appeals. Ann is also a lawyer, practicing at the firm of Allen Wellman McHew, where she does general civil litigation and appellate work. Their big news arrived January 14 in the form of their first child. "There has only been one slight disappointment," Ann conceded. "I knew that Henry 'Hank' Fisher won't be following me to my alma mater!"

**Jenny Bruce** wrote to say hello and wish everyone well. She is a singer/songwriter in New York City and has been performing since graduation. She and her husband, whom she met as a student at Reid Hall, live on the Upper West Side. Jenny just released her second independent CD "Soul On Fire" and has been touring all over the country to support it. One of her songs was on "Dawson's Creek" and, she says, "for all the new mothers, my song, 'Home,' is featured on Martha Stewart's compilation CD 'Sleepytime' along with Allison Krauss and Lucinda Williams. No babies of my own; I just keep making CDs."

**Loolwa Khazzom** has spent the past decade pioneering the field of Jewish multicultural education and is the director of the Jewish Multicultural Curriculum Project (www.jmcpnline.org), which she founded in 1999. Loolwa also sings, plays bass and writes songs, for her band, Grrrl Monster. Her first book, *Consequence: Beyond Resisting Rape*, sold out in its first printing, and Loolwa is working on publishing her second book, an anthology about North African and Middle Eastern Jewish women.

**Andrea Salwen Kopel** was featured in an article in *The New York Times* real estate section this summer about turning a one-bedroom apartment into a two-bedroom apartment. Andrea and her husband, Ed, did so to accommodate their baby, Ruby.

Several classmates included updates about themselves contributions to The Barnard Fund. **Rachel Levitt**, who had a

baby girl named Samara in December 2001, does computer work for the architectural firm, Leers Weinzapfel Associates, in the Boston area. **Ruth Abusch-Magder** and her husband, David, live in New Jersey with their two children. Ruth is completing her Ph.D. **Nicole Lamb Ives** also lives in New Jersey with her newborn infant and 3-year-old boy. She is preparing to start work on her dissertation. Finally, **Gavin Sullivan** has been living in London for four years. She is the director of corporate communications at Credit Suisse First Boston.

Please do continue to send news of all sorts; every bit—sordid and genteel—is welcome.

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**92** Hi! We're excited to be your class correspondents for the next five years. It was great to see and catch up with long-lost friends during our 10-year Reunion Weekend. I know that many of you sent in updates for Reunion, but there are many more of you whom we haven't heard from in awhile. Please write, call or e-mail and let us know what's been happening in your lives!

Our classmates have been very busy. **Lori Schlusell** went on to Cardozo School of Law following graduation. She is happily living on the Upper West Side with her husband, Jed Snerson, whom she married in June 1999. Lori is project coordinator at the Orthodox Caucus in Cedarhurst, N.Y. In July, **Tamara Kanfer Weisman** began her new position as full-time psychiatry attending physician at North Shore University Hospital in Manhasset, N.Y. **Constance Pendleton** lives in Washington, D.C., where she practices media/First Amendment law at Davis, Wright, Tremaine LLP, a Seattle-based law firm.

I recently caught up with **Elizabeth (Esti) Winkler Friedman**, who bought a house in New Rochelle, N.Y. Esti and husband, Israel (CC '93), Zalman, 6, and Joshua, 3, welcomed new baby Hannah Gabrielle on January 10 of this year. Also on the baby front: **Rebecca Lacher Leibowitz** and her husband, Jonas, are pleased to share the news of the birth of their son in January. Ryan Samuel joins big sister, Nina, 7, and Arthur, 3.

Congratulations to **Anne Farrar**, for

**91** I hope everyone is well. In August, I ran into **Julie Zuckerman** in a bookstore. She was in New York on a month-long visit to the United States with her family. Julie, her husband and their two children (ages 4 and 2) live in Modi'in, Israel, where she works as a consultant and her husband is getting a Ph.D. Julie told me that **Suzanne Kling** now lives in Boston

her promotion from associate to vice president in the San Francisco office of The Riverside Company. Farrar joined Riverside in 2001. Previously, she was responsible for business development at Avistar Communications, a video technology company. She also worked as director of financial planning at Donna Karan International, and for four years as an associate at Citicorp in the Structured Finance Group. Farrar has an MBA in finance from Wharton.

**Joanna Samuels**, spiritual leader of Congregation Habonim, a Conservative synagogue in New York, is featured in the article on female rabbis, page 31.

As for me, I've been busy at home with my three kids, Jacob, 7, Isabelle, 5, and Max, 3. I'm involved in the kids' school, coordinating fundraising events and teaching art appreciation to first graders. I enjoyed the summer with my youngest, our last hurrah before he began full-day preschool in September.

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**93** Don't forget our 10th year Reunion is approaching! **Shari (Rivka) Seeman** started a business providing consulting for families who are interested in homeschooling their children. Her Web site is [www.rivkahomeschool.com](http://www.rivkahomeschool.com).

I also heard from **Diane Pataki**, who went to Duke University School of the Environment and received a M.S. in 1995 and a Ph.D. in 1998. She did some post-doctoral research at the University of Nevada from the following year, and then moved to the University of Utah in Salt Lake City, where she is an assistant researcher of biology. In 2001, Diane married William Holoman, an environmental scientist from North Carolina.

**Jennifer Vernon** lives in Washington state. After graduating from Barnard, Jennifer worked at Seattle Repertory Theatre, where she taught acting, and then was a program coordinator for International House in New York City. She then obtained a massage license and worked as a massage therapist for

couples' dance competitions, where she competed in between clients. After that, she went back to school and completed her premed courses, so that she could attend naturopathic medical school. She is in her third year at Bastyr University's naturopathic medicine program and is engaged to Nackmo Ito. A September wedding is planned. She'd love to hear from other classmates. Write to her at [jenvernon@earthlink](mailto:jenvernon@earthlink).

**Yael Sonia** got a BEA in product design with a major in jewelry design and metals. After her studies, she was awarded a US Patents for inventions in store display fixtures, with innovative built-in security mechanisms, for luxury products, mainly accessories. She now lives in Sao Paulo, Brazil, where she is one of the owners of La Galerie Francine, a jewelry and art gallery. In Brazil she has dedicated herself to her jewelry collections. In 2002, one of her necklace creations was voted first place in the design category of the Second Tahitian Pearl Trophy, Brazil. The necklace is now an international finalist.

**Omolola Ijeoma Ogunyemi** attended graduate school at the University of Pennsylvania after graduating from Barnard, and received a Ph.D. in computer and information science. Because her thesis focused on computational methods in medical expert systems, she ended up with a joint research and faculty position at Brigham and Women's Hospital and Harvard Medical School. She has been in Boston since 1999 and is loving every bit of it. She traveled to Durban, South Africa last January to teach a short course in medical informatics and telemedicine at the University of Natal.

**Kristen O'Brien** caught us up on her life since Barnard. After graduation, she moved to Paris to pursue a dream of living there after her Reid Hall experience. In Paris she worked for *The Wall Street Journal* Europe in their circulation offices and freelanced for English-language publications. After four years in Paris, she moved back to New York to attend Columbia School of Journalism in 1998. After working at the Cultural Services of the French Embassy as their Web editor for a year, Kristen went to *Elle* magazine and was an associate editor for a year, before going to Elle.com, where she covered health, culture and fashion for their site. After Elle.com shut down in 2001, she took time off to travel and work on a political campaign in New York City. Last winter she adapted a children's fairy tale that will be published in January 2003. She is now researching for a published author, looking

for work in broadcast television and living in Weehawken, N.J.

**Mira Wasserman**, rabbi at Congregation Beth Shalom in Bloomington, Ind., is featured in the article on female rabbis, page 31.

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**94** **Ellen Wolintz-Fields** and **Stacey Fruen Goldman** are featured in the article on female rabbis, page 31. **Eve-Lynn Siegel Gardner** edited *More Precious Than Gold*, published by Hachai Publishing (see "Books, etc.," page 18).

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**95** What's up???? I hardly hear from you guys and I know exciting changes continue to occur in our collective lives. 'Tis the season for job changes, new degrees, weddings and babies, so I'm looking forward to a lengthy column in our next issue. Keep your letters coming to [batnib@mail.com](mailto:batnib@mail.com).

That public service announcement made, I do have some truly terrific news to share:

**Andrea Johnson Wilcock** wrote from England that she and her husband welcomed another addition to their family: Joshua James. Joshua, born on February 9, joins brother, Jordan, 4.

**Alexandra Schlesinger** and her husband, Eric, welcomed, not one, but two, children into the world and their family on April 22. The twins are Zoe Laila and Jessica Haley. A few days later, **Erika Brodtkin Bottiglieri** and her husband, Richard, became the parents of Ben. And **Sheryl Handler-Matasar** writes that she and her husband, Scott (CC '92), became the parents of a baby girl, Lauren Sydney in September 2001. Sheryl is finishing her third of five years of an orthopedic surgery residency at the Cleveland Clinic Foundation. **Mew Chiu** moved back to New York City after three years in Boston and has been working in the Alumnae Affairs office at Barnard for the past year and a half. She has had much fun reconnecting with classmates and alumnae and invites everyone to drop by the office in new Vagelos Alumnae Center.

We learned during The Barnard Fund Phonathon that **Laura Rosenthal** is



studying for a master's in nutrition at New York University.

Finally, **Alexis Bickford** wrote that she enrolled in New York University's Paralegal Studies Institute. She is engaged to Patrick Lambert (CC '95) and the two plan to marry, one week after their 10th anniversary, in November, at the Brooklyn Botanic Gardens.

I am truly glad to hear that despite all of the crazy things going on in our post-Barnard world, that so many of us are doing so well, forging new paths and welcoming new life.

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**96** Hi, everyone. I've only gotten a few updates from people in the past couple of months—please tell me your news!

I was happy to hear from my old Sulzberger 4 pal **Melissa Goldwag**, who told me about her wedding to Gaby Fachler. Melissa and Gaby were married in Jerusalem and Audrey Trauring Chavel '94 and Amy Zwas '98 made it to the celebration! Melissa and her husband live in Jerusalem, across the street from **Naomi Bloom Wurtman**. Melissa reports that she is still working in health policy research and started her doctorate in public health at Hebrew University.

I also heard from **Eva Ward**, who returned to New York from London. After performing in musical theater and with the Rockettes, Eva intends to be involved in coordinating special events with various charities.

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**97** Hi, everyone! I'm really excited about serving as our class correspondent and getting back in touch with y'all from down here in Houston, Texas, where I am beginning my dissertation in English Renaissance literature at Rice University.

There is tons of news leftover from the Summer issue, so enjoy and keep it coming! **Michelle Katz** received her master's degree in organizational psychology from Teachers College. **Elisa Miller** is starting her own events planning company and is

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engaged to marry Leon Out. An August wedding in Ithaca, N.Y., is planned. **Alyssa Mount Pleasant** is starting research for her dissertation this year. She received fellowships at the Smithsonian and the Newberry Library in Chicago and looks forward to this next phase of her history Ph.D. program. **Andrea Lane Stein** works for Arthur Andersen Business Consulting in New York and New Jersey. She lives in New Jersey with husband, Glenn, who is a third-year law student at Seton Hall. They have two cats, no kids.

**Leigh Wishner** is working on a master's thesis in decorative arts and works for a dealer of fine antique textiles and costumes. **Stephanie White** is working on her master's in education at New York University. **Rebecca Zimmerman** is working at the Museum of Modern Art in New York. **Oshrat Carmiel** is a reporter for *The Hartford Courant*. **Vicki Andreadis** graduated in May from Brooklyn Law School and was president of moot court.

**Nicole Joaquin** sent a new address in

Des Moines, Wash., where she has finished her first year of law school. She is studying and traveling in Spain this summer, and she is "madly in love." She hopes any classmates living or visiting in the Seattle area will e-mail her at [hui\\_hine@hotmail.com](mailto:hui_hine@hotmail.com). **Debra Kaplan** is a fifth-year Ph.D. student in history at University of Pennsylvania and lives in Manhattan.

**Shruthi Reddy** is an associate in health-care investment banking at CSFB. **Rachel Pressman** finished her first year at Brooklyn Law School and got married in June. **Patricia Riordan** works at Evercore Partners, an investment banking boutique run by Roger Altman. **Kavita Gopwani** graduated from law school in 2000 and works at the New York County district attorney's office. **Ronni Astroff** is happily unemployed. She's traveling and enjoying life.

**Diana Chavkin** is in her first year at New York University's medical school. She is going to India to study integrative medicine. **Carolyn Sawyer** lives in Cobble Hill, Brooklyn, with her boyfriend of four

# IN MEMORIAM

## May Hoffman Goldman '19

May Hoffman Goldman left a legacy as a lifelong activist for peace and justice and a tireless worker for the Democratic party. Born October 22, 1896, she was 105 when she died on August 3.

While at Barnard, she marched in the famous 1915 suffrage parade in New York City and with classmates in 1916 against World War I. She graduated from Barnard in 1921 and moved to Los Angeles, where she resided for 79 years. During the Depression, she was a social worker with the County of Los Angeles. She was active in the Hollywood Women's Council, the CDC, the Hollywood Democratic Club and the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom, whose newsletter she edited until her late 90s.

She is survived by her daughter-in-law, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

## Helen Phelps Bailey '33

The Barnard community mourns the loss of Helen Phelps Bailey, a longtime Barnard professor and devotee of French language and literature, who passed away in May at 90.



Bailey's commitment to Barnard was unwavering. She taught French language and literature here for 43 years, and served as Dean of Studies from 1956 to 1971.

After graduating from Barnard, she earned a Ph.D. from Columbia, and studied at McGill University in Montreal and at the Sorbonne in Paris.

Her passion for everything French was not missed on the French government, who awarded her the Palmes Academiques for her work in promoting the arts and culture of France.

She also served as lector and member of the choir at St. John the Evangelist Roman Catholic Church in Leonia, N.J. She was active in Leonia, where she participated readings at the library's annual Bloomsday Festival.

She is survived by three cousins.

## Helen Pond McIntyre '48

Classmates, colleagues and friends mourn the loss of Helen Pond McIntyre, past vice chairman of Barnard's Board of Trustees and chair of the Long Island Community Foundation. She died September 27 at 75. The cause was cancer.



During her 24 years as a Barnard Trustee, McIntyre focused on development and fund-raising. She chaired the College's first nationwide campaign, which raised more than \$20 million

in the early 1980s. She was president of the Alumnae Association, chairwoman of the Barnard National Centennial Committee, which raised funds for the College in the late 1980s, and a member of the Trustee Committee on Barnard-Columbia Relations. "When I think of Helen, I think of her friendliness and her warm smile, but most of all her quiet dignity," said Mary Louise Reid '46, Trustee Emerita, who served with her on the Board. "When discussion boiled around her during [her] college days and since then on the Board, Helen was often quiet, but her silence wasn't passive. She was listening, assessing and reaching a judgment. When that judgment came, it meant something. It was firm, not flaccid, and carried conviction and commitment to the necessary action on our part. Through the years, we depended on it and on Helen."

From 1984 to 1998, McIntyre served as chairman of the Long Island Community Foundation, which she was credited with transforming the organization, once an outpost of the New York Community Trust, into a major philanthropic force of its own.

Born on November 19, 1926, she grew up in New York City and Glen Cove on Long Island. She graduated from Nightingale-Bamford, and then attended Barnard, where she was president of her class as a first-year student and president of the student body during her senior year.

Beginning in 1965, she petitioned the Huntington town board to create the Community Development for Youth Project, which she directed. It eventually became the Huntington Youth Bureau. She served as its

first board chairman.

"There wouldn't have been Community Development for Youth without Helen," said Paul Lowery, former Huntington Youth Bureau director. "She became an advocate in [Suffolk County] for local youth boards as a viable part of local government and how they should advocate for kids."

She was chairman of the Suffolk County Youth Bureau's Comprehensive Planning Committee, which foreshadowed the creation of youth bureaus in other Suffolk towns. Her focus then turned to adolescent pregnancy. She served from 1984 to 1990 as the first president of Suffolk Network on Adolescent Pregnancy, which sought to prevent teenage pregnancy.

She is survived by her husband, Randall P. McIntyre; her daughter, Virginia McIntyre; and sons Mark P. McIntyre and Archie McIntyre. A service was held October 5 at St. John's Church in Cold Spring Harbor, N.Y.

## Justine Mee Liff '69

Justine Mee Liff, Boston's first female commissioner of parks and recreation, died in September at 55 from ovarian cancer.

After graduating from Barnard, she earned an M.B.A. from Simmons Graduate School of Management. In the 1970s, she helped construct the master plan of the South Street Seaport Museum in New York City.

Appointed commissioner of parks and recreation in 1996, she oversaw maintenance and preservation for the 2,200 acres of open space in Boston. "Justine Liff was as dedicated a public servant as I have ever known. Her accomplishments are evident throughout our open-space system, which has become an award-winning model for public parks," Mayor Thomas Menino said in a statement.

Liff is survived by her husband and daughters, Ursula, Ingrid and Olivia '05.

## Ellen Harriet Schalekamp-Datloff '72

Compelled to break stereotypes, Ellen Datloff majored in chemistry at Barnard and edited the *barnard bulletin*, presaging her career as editor-in-chief of Biomedical Information Corporation and editorial director of McGraw-Hill Medical Division. In 1990 she married Dr. Maarten Schalekamp and



moved to the Netherlands, where she was again highly successful in medical writing and editing and, as Judith Frishman '76 writes, she "challenged Dutch Calvinist complacency and dared to stay her good old New York Jewish outspoken self." Eileen Crowley '72, Joanne Sliker '72 and I remember Ellen's keen intelligence, her irony and especially her loyalty. Ann Goodstein '71 and Karen Marisak '72 note that she combined the intellectual and sophisticated, the silly and hilarious, which made her so dear to us all.

—Rachel Theilheimer '72

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years, Brian O'Keefe, a writer at *Fortune*. She is a publicist at WW Norton and is training for the New York City marathon. **Aidan Smith** is moving back to New York after a stint doing public relations for an Internet company in San Francisco. **Erica Chriss** worked for the same Internet start-up as Aidan. She is enjoying married life in Berkeley. **Katherine Lange Meyer** works at the Wall Street Journal Online and lives in Manhattan with her husband, Peter. They hope to buy a home in New Jersey. **Sarah Tinkler** is in law school at University of Mississippi. I have also recently been back in touch with **Ziva Mann**, who is still at Harvard working on her English Ph.D. She and her husband, Ezra (CC '95), now have a 6-month-old son, Elisha. Please look for more news in the upcoming issue.

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**98** I recently heard from Barbi Appelquist about her new job in Los Angeles, working for Break the Cycle, a not-for-profit organization that educates teens about their legal rights under dating violence laws. She is in her second year at University of California, Hastings College of the Law, in San Francisco, with a concentration in international politics. Barbi looks forward to seeing everyone at Reunion.

Sadly, this is my last column. But please keep in touch! Send your news to [class-notes@barnard.edu](mailto:class-notes@barnard.edu) or to Lori Segal at *Barnard* magazine.—Amy Boutell

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**99** Congratulations to **Erica Newman Nash!** She and her husband, Josh (CC '99), welcomed their daughter, Hannah Gabriella, into the world on April 2. They moved to the Chicago area as Josh is attending Northwestern's business school.

**Katrina Rawlins** received her JD from the University at Buffalo Law School and is studying for her LLM in criminal law. **Niya Bryant** received her JD from CUNY Law School.

**Sheila Sheffler** will be spending the next year working in Guatemala and can

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**00** **Monet Ford** passed her road test on the first try and is working on her registered nurse degree at Hunter College, soon to be New York University! She is a patient coordinator for Cornell Medical Center and a member of her younger sister's high school PTA. Monet recently coordinated an after-school tutorial for the Regents Exam for her sister's friends—all of whom passed their exams!

**Hanisa Fong** is a campus recruiter at Deutschebank and loves it. She moved to Douglaston, Queens, and can now boast a backyard with a picket fence for her dog.

**Ogechi Iwuoha** began Harvard Graduate School of Education in September to earn a master's in education.

**Erica Lavezzary** graduated from Teachers College in May with a master's degree in psychological counseling, specializing in school counseling. She looks forward to pursuing a job as a guidance counselor at the middle-school level.

**Susan Lee** has been a litigation legal assistant at Sullivan and Cromwell since graduation and is most proud of her pro-bono work on the 9/11 and political asylum legal teams.

**Karyn Lyman** attends the Yale School of Drama for theater management.

**Madhumita (Mita) Mallick** is in Cambridge, Mass., and was working for former U.S. Secretary of Labor Robert Reich's campaign for governor.

**Jesse Noonan** completed her M.Ed. this spring and is a teacher at a charter school in Oakland, Calif.

**Cindy Park** took on a position as a researcher with Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center in New York City.

**Taren Spearman** finished her second year of law school at Columbia, and spent her summer as an associate at Fullbright and Jaworski.

**Lily Tjioe** works at Goldman, Sachs & Co., and bought an apartment in Kew Gardens. She still finds time to organize annual get-togethers for her Barnard friends.

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like to hear from those of you who have left the city for greener pastures, as well.

**Meredith Silverberg** (mpsilver@cravath.com) works at Cravath, Swaine & Moore as a litigation legal assistant and lives near Lincoln Center. She doesn't have too much time for anything else because she's at work most of the time, and her marriage preparations take up the remaining hours.

**Ashley Fenwick-Naditch** is enjoying life on the Upper East Side and reports: "My apartment is right across the street from Brother Jimmy's and right around the corner from this great place called Doc Watson's." She works as the entertainment news editor at AOL and adds, "It's a crazy but fun job. I'm really enjoying this whole 'new life' thing."

**Erica Zeichner** worked on the year-book all summer (hope you all have ordered your copies!) and is at Fordham Law.

**Mia El Hafi** writes: "I've been taking classes at Teachers College, while student-teaching in Washington Heights at IS143, a middle school. I'll be teaching English as a Second Language there for the next three years. In the meantime, I should have my master's degree completed in two years."

**Lee Ann Donaldson** is in Oregon, temping as a receptionist for a credit union in the hopes of saving money to travel to Europe or return to New York.

**Alexis Barad** (abarad@random-house.com) is a sales coordinator for children's books at Random House. She is currently living at home in New Jersey, trying to save up enough money to move into the city with **Erica Orden**, who is busy interviewing for publishing jobs.

**Michele Burke** writes, "My only real news at the moment is that I'm taking the Columbia Publishing Course at the journalism school and living in Fernald. This is our last week though, so over the course of the next month I'll be job and apartment-hunting, and of course that means my info will all change again." She adds that she's looking for work as an editorial assistant in children's books.

**Danielle Goneconti** (daniellec555@yahoo.com) traveled through France over the summer, stopping in Corsica, Lyon and Paris to see old friends and make new ones. She is working at a yoga studio as a gyrotanics instructor, and looking for a job that allows her to concentrate on yoga, dance and painting.

**Maggie Arguello** lives in Brooklyn and works at Solow Management, a real estate company.

**Alyssa Sheinmel** lives on the Upper East Side and has been having a good time meeting friends and relaxing on the weekends. She spent the summer working in entertainment promotions and is pursuing a career in book publishing.

**Liz Sosnov** is training at Merrill Lynch and living with **Toby Goldstein** and **Mamta Dadlani** in an apartment in Murray Hill. Toby traveled through Europe this summer with **Jennifer Rodgers**, stopping in Berlin, Copenhagen, Stockholm and Oslo before meeting up with Liz in London. Mamta has been working at the Sackler Institute for Psychology.

I share a cute apartment on the Upper East Side, just down the street from the Met, with **Katherine McKenney** and **Jessica Brescia**. Katherine is working at Bloomberg as a customer service representative and gets to use her Italian and French all day long. She absolutely loves her job and is busy planning for the day when she can return to Europe to pursue a career in international business. Jessica worked at Columbia all summer as a life-guard and was a nanny on the Jersey shore for two children. She is getting ready to leave for Washington, D.C., to begin at American University law school, simultaneously pursuing a JD and a master's degree in international affairs.

I've been working at *Lucky* magazine as a beauty assistant and just generally enjoying summer in the city. I look forward to hearing more news from all of you and I wish you the very best as you begin your post-collegiate lives!

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## GETTING MARRIED? EXPECTING?

We'd love to spread the news—once it's official. Please let your class correspondent know by dropping her a line or sending her an announcement or newspaper clipping so Barnard can tell your classmates ... and the world!

**01 Sara Robinson** earned a master's degree in history from Brandeis and will be continuing on the long haul toward a Ph.D.

**Jamie Rubin** has started a new career path as a production assistant at MSNBC, where she also held an internship while at Barnard. Jamie is eager to work in a newsroom and get some hands-on experience in broadcast news, but a bit nervous about the long hours and the pressure of deadlines. She says, "I think it's important to take risks like these so I can finally figure out what I want to be when I grow up!" Sage advice, Jamie.

**Lisa Dean-Kluger** has made the switch from what she deemed "publishing hell" to a much more satisfying job in fashion public relations for a small boutique firm in Midtown.

**Dana Hepper** spent the summer in Chicago, and then returned home to Oregon in the fall to work on her master's degree in curriculum and instruction at Portland State University. Last year, Dana taught math at a small private school to grades K-8. She loved teaching and is interested in helping the students who struggle in math but shine in other subjects. She plans to continue to teach on a substitute basis while she enrolled in her master's program.

I am working on Kathleen Kennedy-Townsend's gubernatorial campaign in Maryland through the Participation 2000 program.

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**02 Hello everybody!** Congratulations on graduating! It's been an amazing four years and it's hard to believe that it's already over, but I'm happy to report that many of you are doing exciting and wonderful things: either relaxing from the tortures of senior year, traveling all around the globe or working busily. A large number of you are still in New York, but I'd



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knew, too, that our location attracts students to the College but also draws them away from it. And since the Task Force report noted several positive changes that had been implemented in the course of the two years of its work and made many more recommendations that found their way into the College's Strategic Plan adopted by the Board of Trustees last spring, I felt some optimism. And since all of my colleagues on other campuses also worry about the lack of community on their campuses, I wondered precisely where I would find the greener grass.

So that was how I found myself in September 2001 in a comfortable office in a brownstone at the New York headquarters of the Mellon Foundation, thinking about campus community while enjoying the view of the backyards and gardens from my window. About a year and a half earlier, I attended a meeting that the Foundation convened with several deans from Amherst, Bryn Mawr and Wesleyan to talk about how it could help colleges strengthen themselves as communities. Barnard was one of 16 colleges that subsequently received academic community grants from the Foundation "in support of strengthening the relationship between the academic and residential programs at liberal arts colleges" (see "Mellon Grant," page 11). I planned to visit some of the other schools in the group and learn about their projects.

But, like everything and everyone else, my plans changed after 9/11. Elective travel no longer seemed like a good idea; I revised my plan and set out on an Internet journey instead.

Each day I visited the Web sites of dozens of colleges and universities—women's colleges, coeducational colleges, historically black colleges and universities and large research universities and Ivies.

Most schools responded to 9/11 with campus-wide assemblies and meetings, counselors on call, statements from their presidents and outreach to alumnae. Lists were assembled; Web-based opportunities for alumni/ae to be in touch with each other were created. Some schools called upon their experts on Islamic culture or politics to comment. Responses differed; patterns were soon visible. Sustained conversations within the larger campus community weren't the norm.

And each day I also visited Barnard's Web site, spoke to my colleagues and kept up with how my community was responding. Barnard wasn't alone in canceling classes on 9/11 or in resuming the next day to give students some structure. Judith Shapiro wasn't the only president to draw together the community; but her leadership soon galvanized the campus. As the weeks passed, the College was unique in the way in which it called upon its greatest resources and pulled them together to create and sustain a community dialogue about the events of 9/11 and their greater meaning and implications. The Provost worked with the staff in student services to quickly organize a series of panels and small, open discussions facilitated by faculty members. Professors of philosophy and religion joined historians and political scientists. Other conversations drew on people who teach literature, economics, even science. The conversations went beyond disciplinary boundaries as faculty and students tried to grapple with the events that were new and frightening to all.

The Student Government Association raised \$5,000 in a single day for victims' families. Students called for tolerance for all members of the multitextured Barnard community. But there was one serendipitous incident that illustrated very powerfully the strength of that commu-

nity. In a free moment about eight days after 9/11, I walked down Fifth Avenue to buy a birthday present for a dear friend and spied on the not-too-crowded street three young women in Barnard T-shirts. I greeted my students and, as I was about to ask what they were doing midday in Midtown, one of them handed me the flyer they were distributing. It was a one-page statement that had been drafted by a group of Barnard students, asking people not to rush to judgment and to refrain from making stereotypical judgments about any groups in our complex society. It affirmed the support of Barnard students for their Muslim classmates and asked others to do the same. I was very proud of them; I was also teary-eyed as I left them to continue their self-appointed task.

As the months wore on, I was able to visit some campuses. At DePauw University in Greencastle, Ind., I met with students, faculty, deans and the president, and I contemplated the challenges faced by a campus about as different from Barnard as possible. I did some consulting for the president of Hunter College, and thought about some of the ways in which we are similar to and different from that public, urban institution. Finally, shortly before I returned to the College in December, I attended an annual meeting of deans at Harvard. Not surprisingly, one of our agenda items was a retrospective look at how our campuses had responded to 9/11. I came away, as I had from my Internet surveys, very proud of Barnard and of the strength of the fabric that holds the Barnard community together.

When your name is Dorothy, it's impossible to avoid jokes about Kansas and red shoes. But what I learned on my leave is straight from the wisdom of Oz: There really is no place like home, if your home is Barnard. ☒

# Hotel Barnard

**W**hen I packed my bags at the end of my senior year at Barnard, I never thought I'd live here again. I'd loved my home in the residential Quad, but it was time to move on.

In June, at age 29, I moved back in. In between apartments, I needed a roof over my head. And through Barnard Summer Housing, I got one.

At check-in, college students and their parents surrounded me as I read the Hebrew translation of *Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone*, feeling slightly ashamed that I hadn't found a "real" place to live. It didn't help when a Barnard student who knew me as a youth group counselor asked, "What are YOU doing here?"

**I even gave one date a tour of the campus after dinner. He seemed to enjoy my enthusiasm for the school, and said the residential Quad is beautiful, but he never called me again.**

At that moment, I pushed my embarrassment aside and decided to enjoy myself. After all, I'm a Barnard graduate. The statue of the Torch-bearer and the magnolia tree on Lehman Lawn and the right to live in Hewitt belong to me as much as to the summer students.

My first week in Hewitt was pleasurable. Like me, the Quad has

become more sophisticated: Every room has Ethernet service and the bathrooms have been renovated. And with rows of sinks that have plenty of counter space, I no longer need to lean my toothbrush on a narrow rim and pray it doesn't fall to the floor.

It didn't take long for me to feel at home. Some desk attendants recognized me and I reconnected with Claudia, the cheerful Dining Services employee who used to make my

omelettes on Sundays. My room had the familiar view of Claremont Avenue. I shopped at UFM and picked up my mail in McIntosh. Yet I had clearly matured—instead of relying on the *Columbia Daily Spectator* for my news, I had the *New York Post* delivered to the front desk every day.

I even gave one date a tour of the campus after dinner. He seemed to enjoy my enthusiasm for the school, and said the residential Quad is beautiful, but he never called me again. Perhaps he thought my presence there was bizarre. It's his loss. Barnard women need men who think outside the box.

Eventually, the inconveniences of dorm life started to settle in. Since graduation, I'd cooked meals in my own kitchen, and left my towels and shampoo in the shower. Having to bring a key with me every time I went to the bathroom grew tiresome. I also missed air conditioning. And undergraduates from LaGuardia Community College were friendly, but they played loud music and often left their doors open. I learned that I'm not as easygoing about things such as sleep as I used to be.

Ironically, the presence of the LaGuardia students is what I miss most now that I'm in my new apartment. I work from home, and realize now how pleasant it was to have people around.

I feel privileged to have experienced life at Barnard one more time, the charming landscaping and the quiet peacefulness within the wrought-iron gates. But I'm also more appreciative now of my life as a full-fledged adult and proud of the person I've become since Commencement. ☒

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# The Alumnae Association of Barnard College

**T**here are more than 29,000 Barnard alumnae throughout the world. All of us belong to Barnard's alumnae association. Set up in 1895 by alumnae to support the college, we continue to connect to Barnard, each other, and our students. The home for alumnae on Barnard's campus is the Vagelos Alumnae Center, located in the historic Deanery.

## FELLOWSHIP

The AABC Fellowship for graduate study is awarded each year to one or more Barnard seniors or alumnae who plan to enroll in full-time graduate study and who show exceptional promise in their chosen fields. Applications for the 2003-2004 fellowships are due on December 9, 2002, and may be obtained from Alumnae Affairs at 212-854-2005, or [alumnaeaffairs@barnard.edu](mailto:alumnaeaffairs@barnard.edu)

**Would you like to get involved as a Barnard volunteer? E-mail us at [alumnaeaffairs@barnard.edu](mailto:alumnaeaffairs@barnard.edu), stop by the Vagelos Alumnae Center, located in the historic Deanery, or visit our Web site, [www.barnard.edu/alum](http://www.barnard.edu/alum)**

## ALUMNAE EVENTS

Are you interested in attending events for Barnard alumnae on campus or in your local area? Check [www.barnard.edu/alum](http://www.barnard.edu/alum) for current listings. Here is a sampling of upcoming events:

- November 10 – Long Island Alumnae Reception
- November 21 – Hormone Replacement Therapy Panel
- December 8 – Alumnae Trip to "Nutcracker"

## ALUMNAE CANDIDATES

The Nominating Committee of the Alumnae Association submits for your consideration the following slate of candidates. One person has been named to fill each of these positions on the AABC Board of Directors that will become vacant this spring. All terms are for three years, except that the Alumnae Trustee serves for four years.

In addition, six candidates have been nominated to fill three places on the nine-member Nominating Committee. No two members of this committee may belong to the same alumnae class.

The official ballot with biographies and photos of the candidates will be mailed to all alumnae with the winter magazine.

The AABC bylaws also provide that additional nominations may be made by petition of no fewer than 20 members of the AABC from at least four different classes. Such a petition must be accompanied by the written consent of the candidate.

Results of the balloting will be announced at the Annual Meeting of the AABC, which will be held during Reunion 2003.

**Trustee**  
Janet Helman '56

**Leadership Council**  
Lynn Rothstein '78

**Careers Committee**  
TBD

**Regional Committee Chair**  
Pat Tinto '76

**Treasurer**  
Laurie Bryk '78

**Director at Large**  
Wendy Reilly '63

**Nominating Committee**  
Nekesa Moody '92  
Anneka Norgren '97  
Terry Shapiro '67  
Kathy Sinsabaugh '85  
Marcia Weinstein Stern '66  
Claire Tse '78

## NEW YORK YOUNG ALUMNAE EVENTS

During your first 10 years as a Barnard alumna, you are invited to take advantage of special cultural, educational and career-networking opportunities organized by the Young Alumnae Committee of the Alumnae Association of Barnard College (AABC). Please visit our Web site, [www.barnard.edu/alum](http://www.barnard.edu/alum) for up-

dated information.

Upcoming Young Alumnae events:

- November 26 – Wine Tasting with Columbia Alumni at Vintage New York
- January 28 – Chocolate Tasting
- February 20 – Senior Dinner









